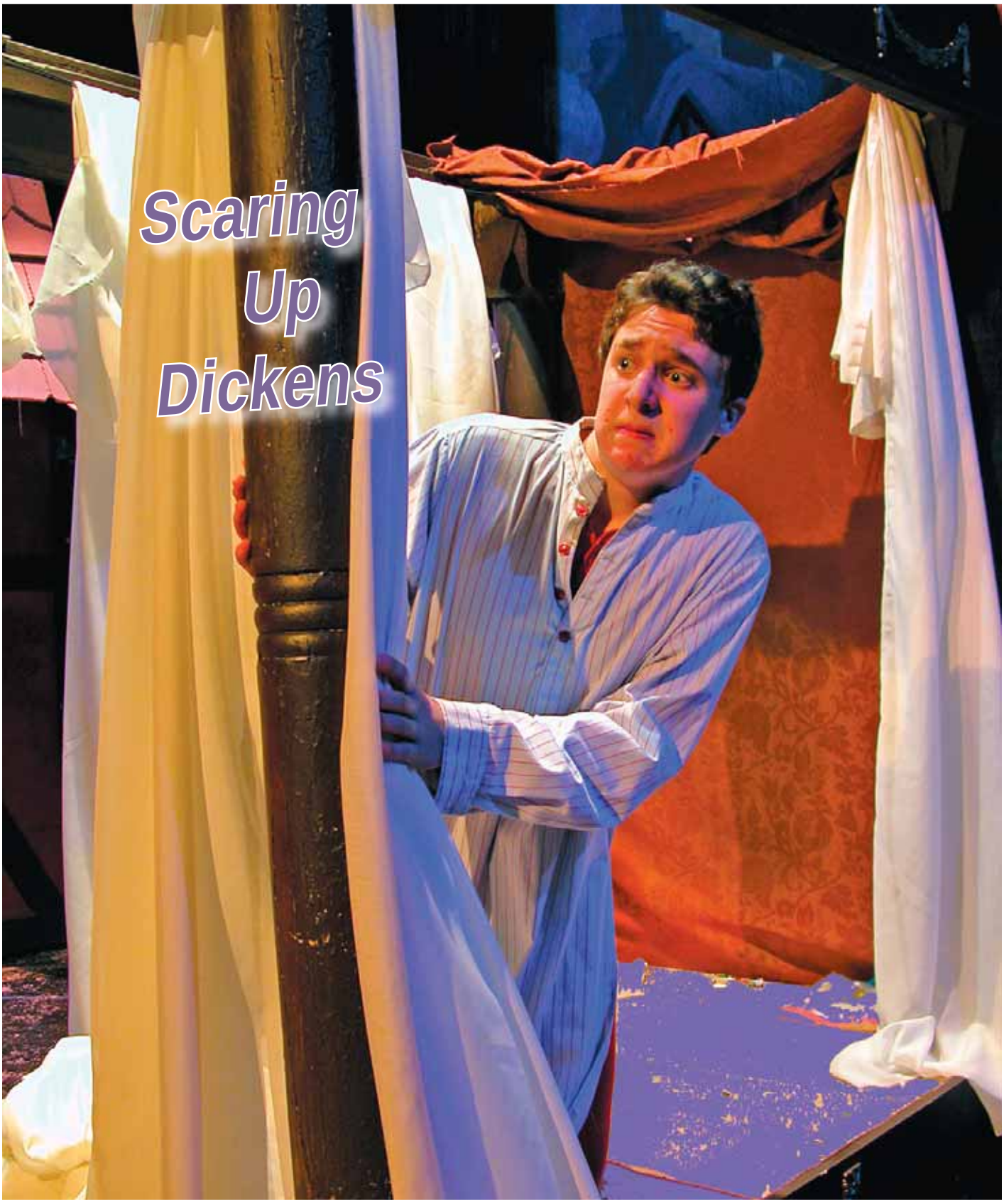
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Scaring Up Dickens



From The Desk Of Edward J. Haggerty Sr.

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Spirits of Christmas

ORR Scares Up Dickens' Classic

By Kenneth J. Souza

There's a poignant and rather chilling scene in the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club's latest incarnation of Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol,* where the notorious Ebenenzer Scrooge not only gets a glimpse of his potential fate but ends up wandering around the flickering flames of hell, being told he's about to become a clerk for the Devil himself.

It's a more contemporary and effective way of scaring some sense into the miserly old man than the mere bony finger of Death pointing at a lowly gravestone marked "Scrooge." And it's a wake-up call for someone who desperately needs to learn about regret and redemption.

"The whole message of this show is self-forgiveness," said director Paul Sardinha, who is staging the perennial favorite for the fifth time in his 16 years with



***Above**: The Mattapoisett Lions Club, represented by chapter president Steve Magyar (far left), recently presented a replica check for $300 to Mattapoisett Tree Warden Roland Cote and Mattapoisett Tree Committee members Sandy Hering and Ed Walsh, to pay for a recently-planted Princeton Elm at the Mattapoisett Police Station on Route 6. (Photo by Robert Chiarito). Story on page 6.*

***On the cover**: Sophomore Koby Williamson is haunted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as Ebenezer Scrooge in the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to be presented on November 29 and 30 and December 1 at 7:30 pm all three nights, with a matinee performance at 2:00 pm on December 2. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students and seniors. The show is directed by Paul Sardinha. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*



***Above**: Neighbors and friends of Dan and Kellie Crete have been working together the last few months to raise an old-fashioned, handmade barn on the couple's property at 69 Holmes Street in Marion. Dan Crete and his family sought to add this one-of-a-kind addition to their home to be used as a gathering place for his friends and family using no nails, handmade pegs, a lot of manpower and a little bit of Yankee ingenuity. (Photo by Robert Chiarito). Story on page 10.*

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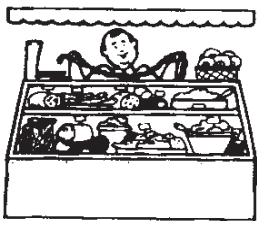
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the ORR Drama Club. "Scrooge never realized that he had let life go by ... and it's a lesson everyone can benefit from. How long can we hang on to negative things in life? It's really a timeless classic."

The popular holiday production has become a staple of Sardinha's repertoire and has been traditionally performed every three years since 1994 at the high school. It's a sprawling and festive musical production which takes weeks to rehearse and fine-tune and includes a cast of some 97 student-actors from not only ORR, but also Mattapoisett's Old Hammondtown School, Marion's Sippican School, and Rochester's Memorial School.

"The coordination is the biggest challenge ... there are so many aspects to this show," Mr. Sardinha said. "My shows are all set- and prop-heavy ... (so) the changing of the sets need to be coordinated with the lighting cues ... there's an immense amount of hours that goes into this."

Mr. Sardinha noted that for a typical ORR Drama Club production they go through nine hours of weekly rehearsals for 12 weeks and up to eight hours on weekends before a show opens. And students do everything from performing onstage to shuffling sets back and forth to operating the computerized light board. It's a tight, well-organized production all carefully guided by Mr. Sardinha.

The director also gives credit to his longtime costume designer, Helen Blake, who's been working with

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him since his second production and once again will be laboring on the period costumes for *A Christmas Carol.*

"She's worked with me for 15 years and the kids really love her," he said. "She has been a main staple of the (ORR) Drama Club."

Each year *A Christmas Carol* includes new twists. Snow falls, actors learn to walk on stilts, hand bells are rung, and other surprises that audiences will just have to see for themselves. In an odd twist of fate, this year's lead role of Ebenezer Scrooge is being played by ORR sophomore Koby Williamson, who previously played Tiny Tim in the 2001 version of the show.

"Koby was in the production six years ago," Mr. Sardinha said. "So he's gone from the opposite ends of the spectrum — from the child who gets neglected to the person who does the neglecting."

The play also features senior Charles Tucker Johnson as The Ghost of Jacob Marley, senior Dan Andrews as Bob Cratchet, senior Louis Ortiz as Nephew Fred, Sean Deery from Old Hammondtown School as Tiny Tim, sophomore Spencer Johnson as Tom Jenkins, Marcus Pegurri from Center School as Boy Scrooge, junior Matt Kaloplastos as Mr. Fezziwig, senior Rae Bourque as Ms. Fezziwig, senior Sheridan Mello as Isabel, freshman Mia Hutchinson-Shaw as the Ghost of Christmas Past, senior Rebecca Jenkinson as the Ghost of Christmas Present, and senior Betsy Sylvia as the Ghost of Christmas Future.

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labor-intensive and lavish theatrical productions, Paul Sardinha remains dedicated to his work. During a recent run-through rehearsal, he jumped up from playing musical cues on a piano to choreograph one of the show's big closing numbers. Then he made adjustments to a lighting change and rushed back to the piano without missing a beat.

For him, it's all worth it when the kids take their final bows onstage.

"As the kids graduate and move on, there's a lot of change, but we keep in touch throughout the years," he said. "Just like any parent, it makes me proud to see them succeed and go on to bigger and better things."

A Christmas Carol will be presented Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30, and Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 pm all three nights, with a matinee performance at 2:00 pm on Sunday, December 2.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students and seniors, and are now available at the Pen and Pendulum in Mattapoisett, the Marion General Store, and the Plumb Corner Market in Rochester. Tickets will also be available at the door. For additional ticket information, please call Patty Benner at 508-763-4727.

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Mattapoisett Tree Committee Takes Root

By Robert Chiarito

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poisett Tree Committee has been taking inventory of the work they have accomplished this year as the group nears its goal of planting 150 trees commemorating Mattapoisett's 150th birthday. With a little more than one month remaining in the calendar year, the committee still has a few more trees to plant in order to reach their objective.

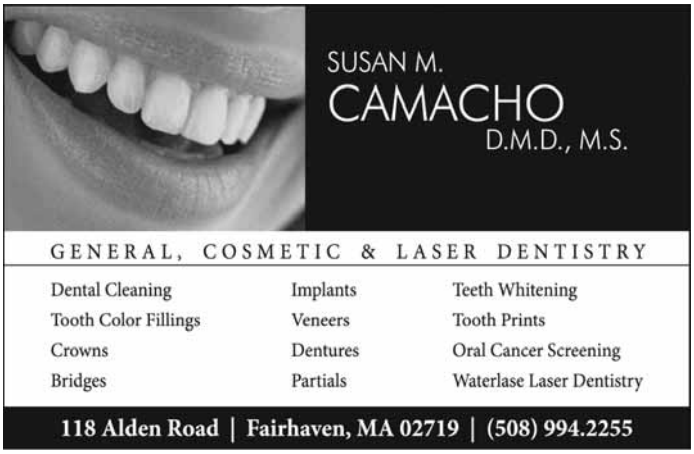
On Wednesday, November 21, members of the Tree Committee, along with Mattapoisett Tree Warden Roland Cote, held a small ceremony on the lawn in front of the Mattapoisett Police Station to commemorate the gift of a Princeton Elm given to the group by the Mattapoisett Lions Club. The Lion's Club, represented by chapter president Steve Magyar, presented a replica check of $300 to Tree Committee members Sandy Hering and Ed Walsh. The $300 donation paid for the elm, which is bred to resist the ravages of the Dutch elm disease. The disease has taken its toll on the canopy of the town claiming dozens of elms that once lined the streets of Mattapoisett.

According to Ms. Hering, the tree committee is about forty trees short of its goal for the year and the group is reaching out to the citizens of Mattapoisett for help with their endeavor. "We have planted about 110 trees so far," said Ms. Hering, adding, "What we are hoping for is that there may be people out there who have planted trees that we do not know about. Hopefully, they will come forward and tell us what they have done so we can include their work in the count."

In addition to the tree donated by the Lion's Club, the lawn of the Police Station has also been planted with a second Princeton Elm that was bought with monies donated by the citizens of Mattapoisett, a Sweet Gum tree, a Yoshina Cherry tree and Bartlett Pear tree — all of which were donated by Kenny's Garden Center.

For those who have planted trees during the Sesquicentennial year and would like to have their plant-





ings included in the official count, you are encouraged to contact the committee via the group's mail box located at Town Hall or through the group's website. The tree committee asks that anyone sending information include the following details about their plantings: list the number of trees planted and the species name. Participants will receive a commemorative certificate from the Mattapoisett Tree Committee.

To send information via mail, address your letters to the Mattapoisett Tree Committee care of Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. To contact the group via email, the address is **info@trees-for-mattapoisett.org**. The group's website can be found at **www.trees-for-mattapoisett.org**.

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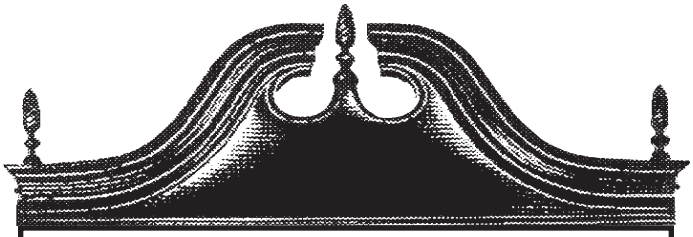
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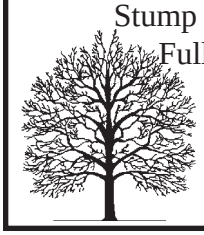
By Robert Chiarito

Holmes Street is a typically quiet Marion street. Just a couple of blocks from the beach, the houses are neither too big nor too small, trees line either side of the road shading the neatly-maintained yards. Crossing Front Street and traveling towards Water Street along Holmes Street, one will pass the Sippican Racquet Club and the Marion Mallet Club and its perfectly-manicured croquet course. All of these elements help to make what has been happening at 69 Holmes Street over the last several months very unique.

For the past six months or so, Dan Crete has been shaving boards and shaping logs by hand using mallets and chisels to carve a dream from wood as he and his family sought to add a one-of-a-kind addition to their home: an old-fashioned, man-made barn. Dan's neighbors have been noticing a few odd sights in the Crete's yard over the summer, all a part of Mr. Crete's plan to create a gathering place for his friends and family using no nails, handmade pegs, a lot of manpower and a little Yankee ingenuity.

When the Cretes required a crane to raise the roof trusses and beams, Mr. Crete used a mast from a sailboat mounted to a tree stump to do the trick. "People have been stopping by and asking if we have a sailboat somewhere in our yard," said Dan's wife, Kellie, as she pointed

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to the mast. "I just kept telling them no, that's a crane."

The family removed a porch on the north side of their home to accommodate the barn that would rise in its place, planning to tie the two structures together with a new breezeway when the barn is completed.

On Saturday, November 24, Dan and Kellie welcomed a dozen friends, neighbors and family members who came armed with every hand tool imaginable to take on the task at hand. Watching the men work on the cross beams brought to mind a time when this sort of endeavor was commonplace in the region. Families would gather together and lend their sweat and knowledge to help neighbors create a home or a barn, fitting each beam together with a craftsman's skill and a precise eye.

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"It has turned out to be a lot more work than I expected," Ms. Crete said. "Dan took a week off in June to get a lot of the prep work done. But by the end of today things should be pretty much together." An equal number of friends and family members were busy manning the grill and brewing coffee to keep the work crew fed and warm on what turned out to be a bright but cold autumn's day.

"We like to have friends over and lots of gatherings and parties take place at our house," Ms. Crete said. "As you can see the house isn't all that big, so this is what we decided to do to fit everyone inside. The barn is going to end up being bigger than the house."

Ms. Crete smiled proudly as she surveyed the progress, adding: "It is turning out really nice."

School Report

Juniors Take Victory at Class Olympics

By Olivia Mello

The second annual Class Olympics at Old Rochester Regional High School were held on Tuesday night, November 20. The event took place in the ORR gymnasium, where students from each of the four grades gathered together, excited to beat their fellow classmates in the thirteen challenging activities that awaited them.

Nancy O'Brien began with a speech to explain the purposes of the occasion. Not only would it serve as a fun way to assemble the students together within their classes in a harmless competitive spirit, but it would also contribute to a greater cause. All of the night's proceeds would be donated to the most recent achievement of the Peace House Foundation, an organization that is dedicated to educating Africa's orphans and other children in need. On September 10, 2007 the foundation opened the Peace House Secondary School. The boarding school is located

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The sophomores took a spot on the board when Margie Pullo, with much ease in her technique, won the girl's Hula Hoop contest. The guy's competition was a bit more entertaining to watch, for all of those who had never seen a teen boy put full concentration into keeping a hoop at waste level. Dave Lash proved to be quite good at the activity, winning the senior's first place.

The Balloon Popping event was another contest interesting to watch, as each boy and girl stood back-to-back with a balloon pressed between them. The objective of the game was to pop as many balloons in this fashion as possible. Juniors Emma Lagreze and Chris Wright completely dominated over the other hopeful participants.

The class continued their outstanding lead throughout the next two activities. In the Orange Pass, Alex Goodman, Ann Marie Kassabian, Tara Middleton, Gretchen Bobola, Sam Asci, Peter Sacco, Jack Durocher

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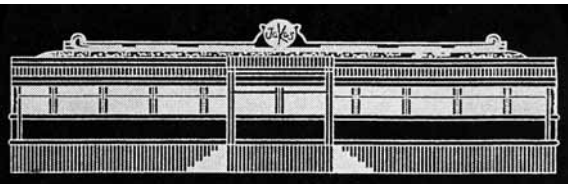
and Olivia Mello showed speed as they quickly passed an orange down the line using the grip between chin and collarbones. Frustrated with the game, the sophomores were disqualified when a classmate chucked the orange down the line causing it to smash across the gymnasium floor. Alexandra Rentumis and Alex Goodman then won the Piggy Back Riding contest.

Although it is clear that the juniors should have been in the lead, the scoreboard stated that the seniors were, in fact, winning by a few points at this point. It was a bit ironic to the junior class that the seniors were in charge of keeping score; however, they kept to themselves and let bygones be bygones.

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Burns' victory in the Egg Carry and Kathleen Durocher and Nate Holt's win in the Baseball Bat Race.

The juniors and seniors continued to battle it throughout the last events including the Wheel Barrow, Jump Rope and Pie Eating Contests. Although the senior class appeared to be winning throughout the entire night, the juniors took the championship trophy with their nail-biting victory in the final Tug-of-War.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 27, 2007

By Kenneth J. Souza

A special meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.

The board first unanimously voted to sign and approve bond documents submitted by Town Treasurer Brenda Herbeck for a loan in the amount of $154,818 for the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust for the Sewer Enterprise Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

The board next voted to appoint Anthony Days as Temporary Acting Sergeant with the Mattapoisett Police Department to fulfill another sergeant's position while out on sick leave.

In other matters, Chairman Andrews noted the next regional Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5 beginning at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall to be hosted by the Rochester Board of Selectmen. Among the items on the agenda will be a discussion of Comcast's failure to reconnect the newly-relocated Old Rochester Community Television's (ORCTV,

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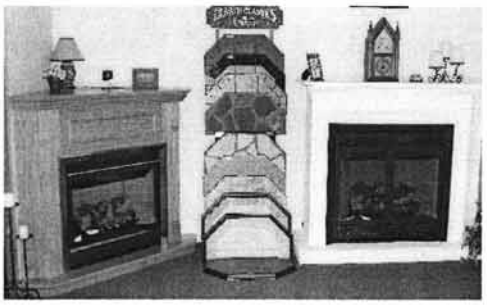
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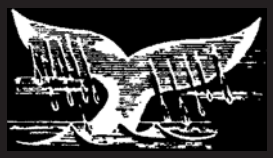
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To that end, Chairman Andrews also noted that he and Mr. Botelho will be meeting with Mary O'Keefe of Comcast and ORCTV Executive Director Kim Miot on Thursday, November 29 at 11:00 am in the Town Administrator's office to discuss these issues.

"Apologies to Mattapoisett cable subscribers for Comcast service being off the air for three days recently due to a blown line on Route 6 near the Mattapoisett Chowder House," Chairman Andrews added. "We've got many issues to discuss with them."

The board next noted the Mattapoisett/Rochester Veterans' Council will meet on Wednesday, December 12 at 2:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

The board also voted to authorize Mr. Botelho to sign borrowing bonds on behalf of the town.

"We are about to enter into an agreement ... to place a sonar detection device at the Mattapoisett Landfill," Selectman Collyer added before adjourning. "It's part of the equipment needed to measure the wind speed. So we're still looking at renewable energy options for the town."

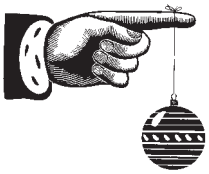
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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 20, 2007

By Eletha M. Yeaton

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Raymond H. Andrews. Also present were Selectman Stephen J. Lombard, Selectman Jordan C. Collyer, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Melody Pacheco.Town Administrator Michael J. Botelho was not present due to a family emergency.

There being no minutes to approve, the first vote of the board was to approve all licenses for various town establishments. The requirements of the board and the state licensing board have been met by Ed Lima's Wine



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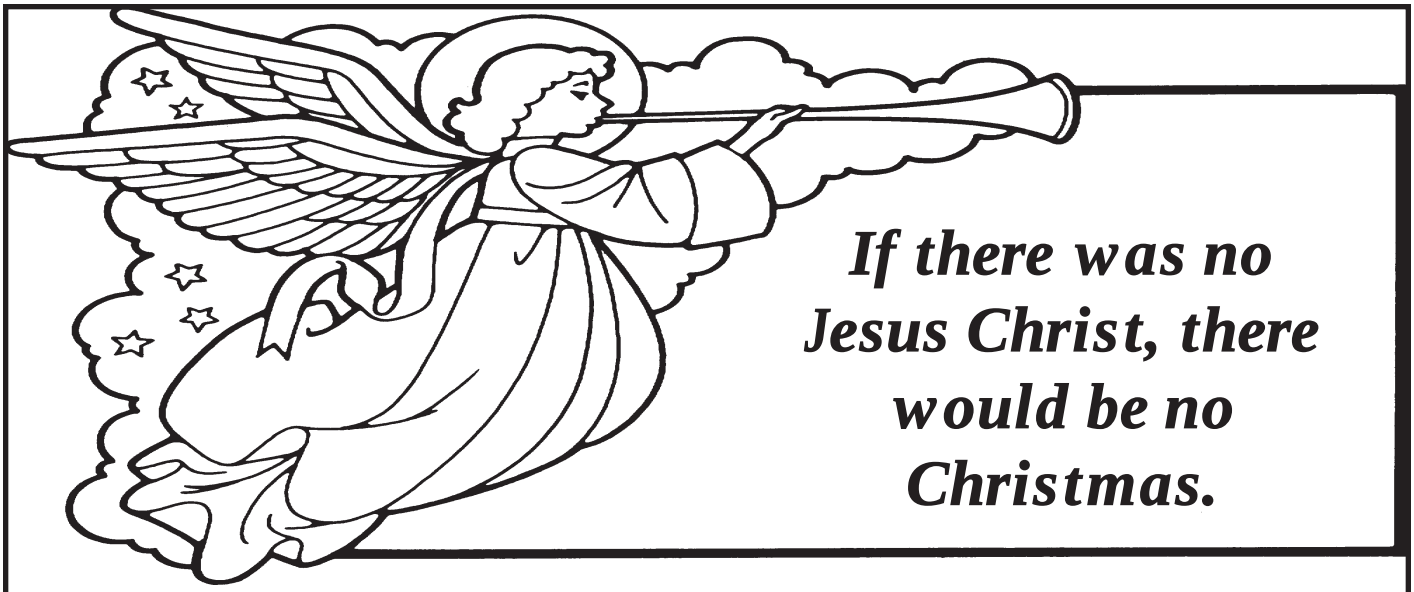
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At 7:00 pm, the board met with Town Treasurer Brenda Herbeck who reported the necessary bond signing. Standard and Poor's maintained the town bond rating at AA-. The board accepted and signed the documents. Led by Selectman Lombard, the board then thanked Ms. Herbeck and her staff for the excellent job and rating obtained.

Chairman Andrews then reported on his meeting on November 19 with the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) on the subject of all communities in the area needing to have a computer program which he considers to be a valuable resource for First Responders for coordinating efforts and mutual aid. Unfortunately, the recent oil spill in California was almost a mirror image of the occurrence in Buzzards Bay in 2003 where once again there was a lack of prompt response from the Coast Guard.

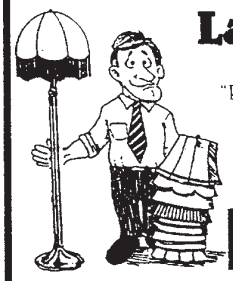
Selectman Collyer then reported his attendance at the Planning Board meeting where regulations to maintain swales and drainage on roads were discussed. The next meeting of the Planning Board will be on December 17, 2007. Furthermore, he has discussed with several shell fishermen about the shellfish propagation program. There is perhaps a lack of understanding about what is being done — mostly about scallops and quahogs. The time of opening the season for scallops should be discussed and planned before next season.

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the board noted:

• There will be no Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, November 27. The next regular Selectmen's Meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall.

• The Town of Mattapoisett will be sponsoring their second Annual "Village Stroll" and "Holiday in the Park" on Saturday, December 1 with events planned throughout the village area from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. Programs will be available the last week of November at Town Hall. This will include the town's tree lighting from 12:00 noon oon to 2:00 pm at Shipyard Park with Santa and Ms. Claus with all their friends arriving at 12:00 noon at the park. Please be sure to join in on all the fun and

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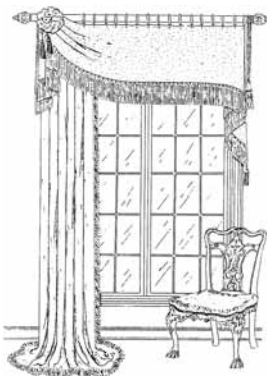
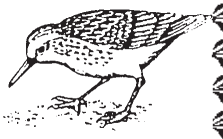


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Under the Town Administrator's report was the appointment of Mark A. Gaspar of 9 Tinkham Lane as a Deputy Dog / Shellfish Officer with the town's Natural Resource Department.

There was no Incoming or outgoing correspondence.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they voted unanimously to adjourn for the evening at 7:35 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

November 20, 2007

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order in the Marion Town House on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:04 pm by Chairman Roger Blanchette. Also present were Selectman Andrew Jeffrey, Selectman Jonathan Henry, Town Administrator Paul Dawson, and Secretary Helene Craver.

The board first approved the minutes of the November 6 meeting, and then met with the Board of Assessors at 7:05 pm for their annual Tax Classification Hearing.

"As you know, this is the required classification hearing to determine whether we'll have a single or split tax rate," said Assessor Bradford Eames. "If we split the tax rate, with a 50 percent shift for residential, the typical

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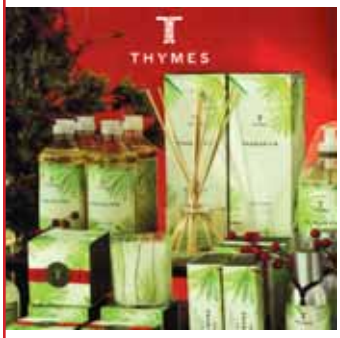


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At a rate $7.56 per $1,000, the average homeowner with a home valued at $300,000 would expect a tax bill of about $2,268.

The board next met with Police Chief Lincoln Miller and Officer Richard Nighelli who he is recommending to be promoted to the rank of sergeant, replacing the retiring Sergeant Savery.

"Richard has been with the department since 2003 ... and previously worked with the Nantucket Police Department," Chief Miller said. "He intends to stay with the department for a long career."

With that, the board unanimously voted to promote Officer Nighelli as recommended.

Chief Miller next discussed a request to appoint Shellfish Officer Isaac Perry as a Special Police Officer with the Marion Police Department. "This allows him to enforce laws on land as well as on the waterfront," Chief Miller said. "This is more a technical appointment."

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The board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Perry as a Special Police Officer.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Dawson noted the Village Loop water/sewer project has been "progressing nicely with a minimal number of complaints," he said. "I know it has been an inconvenience at times for the neighbors and I appreciate their understanding."

Mr. Dawson also suggested the following holiday schedule and hours of operation for the Marion Town House: Monday, December 24: Closed; Tuesday, December 25: Closed; Wednesday, December 26: Open; Monday, December 31: Open; Tuesday, January 1: Closed. The board unanimously approved Mr. Dawson's suggested holiday schedule as proposed.

Mr. Dawson also noted the next Tri-Town Selectmen's Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall to be hosted by the Rochester Board of Selectmen.

At 7:25 pm the board met with Scott Snow and Attorney John Bentley on behalf of Coastal Homes to discuss a proposed Local Initiative Housing Project (LIP) on Wareham Street.

"This is not a 40B project," Mr. Bentley said. "We are hoping you'll support us in providing two units of affordable housing. It doesn't need a comprehensive permit, it requires local action ... (and) a permit from Planning Board. They would be rental units and the income

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requirements would be about $1,100."

"It's my feeling that the Affordable Housing Trust should be involved with this," Chairman Blanchette said. "I would suggest that perhaps we might approve this tonight, subject to the approval of the Affordable Housing Trust. I'd like to have them involved in the process."

"This is a different animal from the LIP, but it is under the same regulation as a LIP," Mr. Bentley said. "It's a little-known item buried within the LIP regulations."

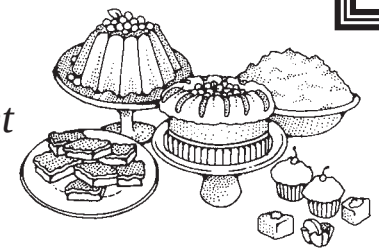
"I have no problem with the project itself," Selectman Jeffrey said. "But I don't want us to get too far ahead of ourselves. I think we're setting a precedent here if we say we'll do it. I think it's something the Housing Trust

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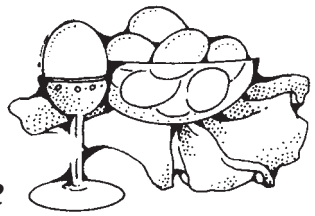


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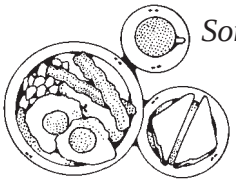
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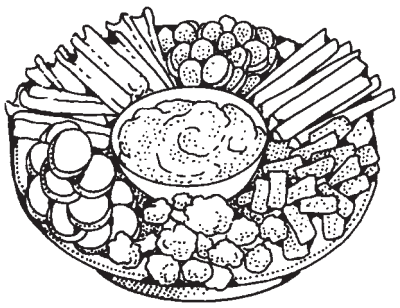


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needs to make a decision on before we move forward."

"I think we all support it, but I think the Housing Trust can look at it more closely ... and give you insight as to whether it would be feasible or not," Chairman Blanchette said.

At 7:44 pm the board opened a hearing to discuss an alleged violation of liquor laws at the Marion Country Package Store on Saturday, November 2.

According to Officer Scott Smith, he witnessed a 20-year-old subject exiting the store carrying a 20-pack of Miller Lite beer on the night in question. Both the driver and passenger of a vehicle were determined to be under 21 years of age. Since the individuals involved in the purchase are being criminally charged, their names are being withheld.

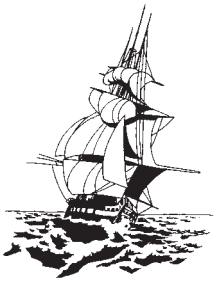
According to store owner Sonia Strawn, the person in question had previously purchased alcohol at their establishment and had provided what she thought was a valid Massachusetts' driver's license. The subject in question apparently provided a fake or doctored ID to Ms. Strawn.

"If someone shows me a Massachusetts ID saying they're 21, what do I do?" she asked. "I had no reason to think he was under 21. We've been in business for 23 years and we've never had a problem. We ID everyone."

"Since the store has no previous violations, I'd just recommend a letter of reprimand be placed in their file," Chief Miller said.

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"I'd concur," Selectman Jeffrey said. "I think prior to that night you were led to believe he was 21. But in this particular case, because you didn't check his ID ... a warning letter should be issued."

With that, the board unanimously voted to draft a letter to that effect to be placed on file.

At 8:03 pm the board met with members of the Marion Fireworks Committee and the Finance Committee (FinCom) to discuss funding for next year's fireworks display.

"We had a very successful fireworks display last summer ... (but) we came across a problem that we wanted to bring to your immediate attention," said Chairman Reg Foster.

"This year, we immediately noted that the costs for fireworks and barge services were going to move at a rate that was reasonably beyond our fundraising efforts," said Fireworks Committee member Chris Collings. "So, before we started a fundraising drive and soliciting bids ... we wanted to come before the board and discuss openly what would happen if we fell short with our fundraising efforts?"

According to Mr. Foster, they raised about $35,000 last year but the total cost was $40,000. At the last minute, they received a generous $10,000 donation to put them over the top. But given the expected increase in fuel costs, the expense of having fireworks shipped from China, and the added expense of hiring additional public

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safety, they anticipate the total cost for the event to be closer to $50,000 all inclusive for 2008.

"A $5,000 or $6,000 shortfall needs to be recognized ... (before we) go forward with bids," Mr. Collings said.

"I think we need to make a decision of whether we would supplement (the fireworks display) if there is a shortfall," Selectman Jeffrey said. "I love the fireworks, but I think we realistically have to look at this. If it goes up 10 or 20 percent the next year, how long are we going to be able to keep this up?"

"The town voted not to provide funds for (the fireworks display)," said FinCom Chairman Richard Kemp. "If the town opted to dedicate money for this,

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where would it come from? The only available source would be the Reserve Fund. My other concern is if the town provides funding for (the fireworks), residents might not donate. The FinCom is in agreement that we *not* fund the fireworks display."

Selectman Jeffrey suggested the Fireworks Committee proceed with fundraising this year, but maybe delay the actual fireworks event until 2009 to allow them time to ascertain how much money they have in hand before soliciting bids for vendors.

"I think fundamentally a decision has to be made by this town on whether they support the fireworks or not," Mr. Foster said. "I'm not very enthusiastic about collecting money ... and just keep it for a year. I think that would kill the momentum of (our) fundraising."

"I think it's time to go back to the town and institutionalize the fireworks," Selectman Henry said. "I think we should go back to Town Meeting and see how much they'd be willing to put up."

Dr. Kemp suggested an article be placed on the spring Town Meeting to add $10,000 to the Reserve Fund to be earmarked to cover any shortfall in fundraising for the 2008 fireworks display.

With that, the board unanimously voted to support Dr. Kemp's suggestion.

In other matters, Chairman Blanchette read a letter from Joan Wing, Treasurer of the Marion EMT Association, responding to recent press articles about her or-

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ganization. Ms. Wing felt that comments made about the Marion EMT Association were "uncalled for and false" and that "instead of criticism, the association should be commended" for their ongoing efforts, she wrote.

Since the most recent article quoted Selectman Henry exclusively, he felt the need to respond but was cut off by Chairman Blanchette, who said he preferred to continue meeting with Mr. Dawson and the parties in question before making any further public statements on the matter.

"You're not going to censor my comments, are you?" Selectman Henry said. "I was contacted by a local newspaper and I spoke freely as an American."

"Then why did you vote (to have myself and Mr. Dawson meet with the EMT Association)?" Chairman Blanchette asked. "We all agreed as a board ... that was how we would proceed."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 9:27 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

November 20, 2007

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Bradford N. Morse. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Dan A. McGaffey, Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first approved the minutes of the November 5 meeting, with Chairman Morse abstaining since he was not present.

At 7:05 pm the board opened a Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Assessors, which they requested be continued pending certification of the town's Free Cash from the state Department of Revenue (DOR). Mr. LaCamera suggested the hearing be continued to Wednesday, December 5, since the entire Board of Selectmen will be meeting with their counterparts in Mattapoisett and Marion on that evening for a Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting.

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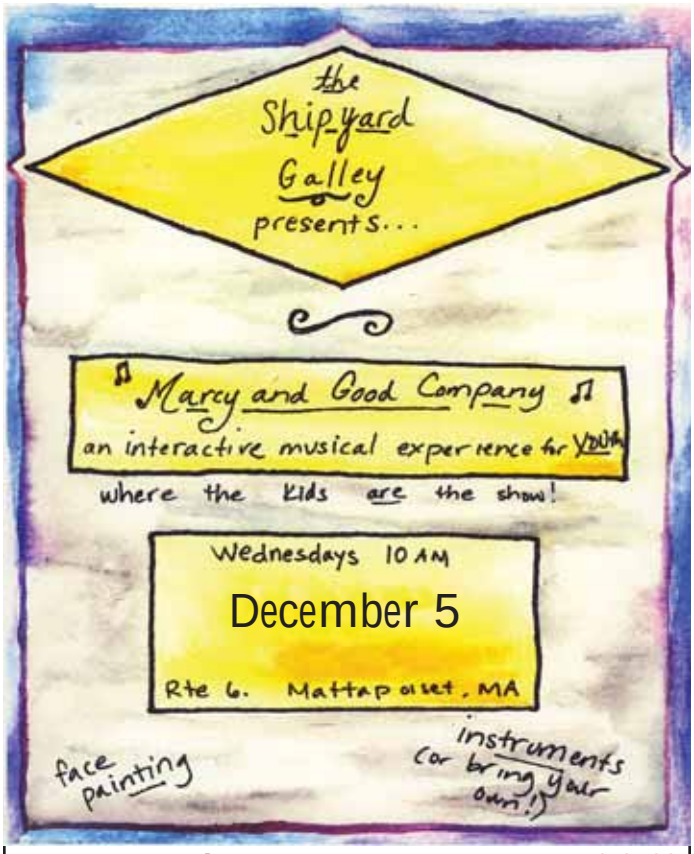
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"(The boards) in Marion and Mattapoisett have requested a Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting here on that night," Mr. LaCamera said. "The earlier we get it done, the better off we are."

With that, the board unanimously voted to continue the Tax Classification Hearing to Wednesday, December 5 beginning at 6:50 pm just prior to the Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting at 7:00 pm.

The board next agreed to postpone signing Conservation Restrictions for the so-called Keeler and Gaumont properties until their next regular meeting on December 10 pending review and approval by Town Counsel. They next signed and approved annual Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) liquor license



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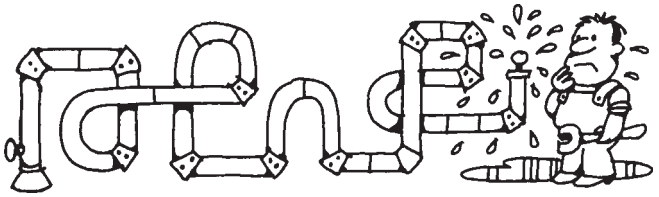
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renewals for Lloyd's Market; the Rochester Golf Club; Plumb Corner Market; Town Pizza; and Adrian's Package Store; and also approved a request from Town Treasurer Cynthia Mello to borrow $365,000 from the Stabilization Fund, if needed.

"It's not the Assessors' fault that the tax bills haven't gone out yet ... it's the state holding up approval of the property revaluations and the tax rate," Mr. LaCamera said. "We have enough funds through the end of December. But in case we run short of funds, we want to borrow the balance out of the Stabilization Fund."

Under correspondence, the board unanimously voted to appoint Sarah Modine to the Rochester Cultural Council; then noted receipt of payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of $288,584 from SEMASS / Covanta for the month of October; and also received $16,468.66 from Comcast for the town's portion of the Public, Education and Government (PEG) access funding.

At 7:10 pm the board met with Town Planner Randall Kunz to discuss a refiled application for a water main installation along New Bedford Road.

"We have Mr. DiBona reapplying for his Forest Landing 34-unit special residential development project on New Bedford Road," Mr. Kunz said. "The water main issue is still an option from his standpoint ... he said he's willing to do it if (the town) wants it done."

"We spent a lot of time and effort trying to identify where the Town of Rochester is going to get its

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water in the future," said Planning Board member Robert Cummings. "We spent money to join the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District (and) have set aside our rights to water for the Town of Rochester. Now along comes a project where the developer has said 'look, I'll pay for it.' It will service a group of 34 homes being constructed in Rochester and serves them in a better way than what will be allowed (otherwise). You'll end up with 34 individual wells."

"I think we should consider what Mr. Cummings is saying, but the developer should be willing to spend some engineering costs to determine where the water is coming from," Mr. LaCamera said.

"(Mr. DiBona) has said the water main is a better option but a more expensive one for him," Mr. Kunz said. "But he's said he's willing to do it, but there may not be much room for negotiation."

Mr. Cummings also noted by running a water main down New Bedford Road, they are bringing the water source closer to the town's Memorial School, which recently had problems with contamination in their well.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. LaCamera first suggested the following holiday schedule for the Rochester Town Hall: closed all day on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas; open regular full day for Monday, December 31; closed Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day. The board unanimously approved this recommended holiday schedule.

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Mr. LaCamera noted a "Casino Facts" meeting will be held in the Rochester Town Hall on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm to discuss both the pros and cons of bringing a casino to the region.

Mr. LaCamera also advised he has begun the budget process for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and he is recommending the typical 3 percent cost of living increase for all departmental budgets, which the board approved.

Next, Mr. LaCamera noted the town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Monday, December 10 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall just prior to a regular Selectmen's Meeting slated for that night.

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In other matters, the board:

• Noted the Plumb Corner Mall merchants are holding a town holiday gathering on Saturday, December 1, 2007.

• Cited receipt of a memo from Police Chief Paul Magee advising that the Rochester Police Department recently received an award from the American Automobile Association (AAA) for going 25 years without a pedestrian fatality.

• Noted the members of the Rochester Highway Department won First Place in the recent New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association's (APWA) Regional Snow Plow Rodeo held in Manchester, NH.

Before adjourning, John Gerard from Cushman Road asked the board why he couldn't rebuild a new barn on an old foundation and why he's been having "a bad time" with the Building Inspector's office. Mr. LaCamera noted a building permit was required for the project and they are currently reviewing the matter with Town Counsel.

"Now I'm getting a cease and desist order," Mr. Gerard said.

"We went down and tried to help you," Mr.

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LaCamera said. "We suggested you hire an engineer. We never heard back from you ... (and the plans) were incomplete."

"The old foundation was there since 1821," Mr. Gerard said. "Under agriculture ... I think I'm exempt from having to have an engineer. I think I'm way overbuilt ... it's above the (building) code."

"I don't know anything about engineering and we guided you to an individual who would draw up the plans for $100," Mr. LaCamera said. "You didn't have a building permit from the beginning."

"Basically, it just sounds like you need an engineer to draw up the plans (to code) and resubmit them," Selectman Nunes suggested.

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"I agree with what you're saying ... but I think this is overkill," Mr. Gerard said.

There being no further matters to discuss in Open Session, the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm to discuss pending litigation matters.

Sports Shorts
By Robert Chiarito

The **Old Rochester Regional High School Football Team** ended their season with their traditional Thanksgiving Day game versus the Apponequet High School Lakers on Thursday, November 22. For many of the players, it would be the final time they would strap on the pads and take the field for the red and black of ORR. The results were not what the team may have desired, but the team can hold onto the memories of a season where they fought hard every down and played well enough to have a shot in the SouthCoast Conference (SCC) crown in the season's final weeks.

Apponequet's **Trevor Hinkle** opened the scoring on a 36-yard gallop in the second quarter. The Bulldogs answered with two scores of their own as workhorse running back **Franck Tebou** scored on runs of one and two yards to give ORR a 14-7 half-time lead. The Lakers opened the second half by answering the Bulldogs on **Hinkle**'s second TD run of the day. The Lakers gained the momentum and the upper hand in the game as they caught ORR by surprise on the ensuing kick-off by attempting and recovering an onside kick. The Lakers kept handing the ball to Hinkle and he kept scoring as the Bulldogs seemed to lose steam, never crossing the midfield mark again. **Hinkle** ran for two more scores on a pair of four-yard runs to clinch the 29 to 14 win. **Hinkle** gained 147 yards on 18 carries as he had what he called his best game ever.

On the Bulldogs side, **Frank Tebou** ran for 74 yards on 18 carries to surpass 1,200 yards on the season. **Tebou** also scored 11 touchdowns for the offense while anchoring the middle of the ORR defense. The senior tailback was the Bulldogs most outstanding player throughout the season.

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For the year the Bulldogs finished with a record of 5 wins and 6 losses overall and 5 wins and 3 losses in Southcoast Conference play. The loss dropped ORR to third in the final standings for the 2007 season. The game, which has been played throughout the years in ever type of bad weather imaginable, was played on soggy field under sunny skies and 60-degree temperatures that belied the date on the calendar as this week marks the beginning of the winter sports season as the student athletes turn to the gym and take their games indoors.

Please send ideas, comments and suggestions to: Sports, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, e-mail releases to news@wanderer.com, or fax, 24-hours-a-day, to 508-758-4845.

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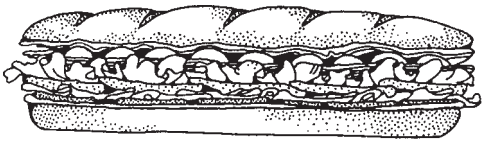


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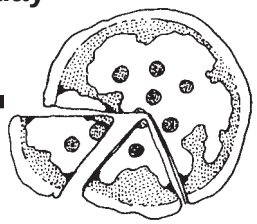
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Since my last letter to you about the vandalism at Village Court, the following has taken place. The words "DICK (indecipherable name) WEED" have been carved into the bench outside the office. The arm of the bench on the path leading to Route 6 has been shaved with a knife, and there is a missing plank in the seat of the bench. Two more cars have been keyed.

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ing the keyed cars runs anywhere from $200 to $500 per car, depending on the damage. These costs will be passed on to the parents of the young people involved. We already know the names of a few and will continue to track down the others.

The litter continues to grow, and now many nip bottles have been found amongst the paper goods and broken bottles that are stewn along the roadways where these young people walk. Their gathering place has moved to the woods in back of Homestead Court.

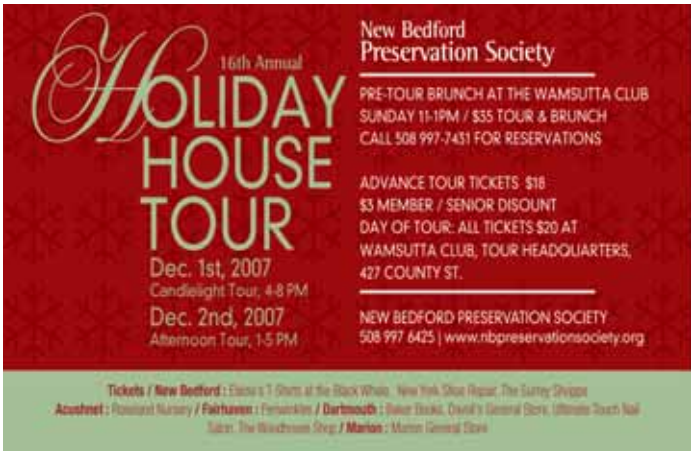
When a 10-year-old is afraid to go outside his home when these teen boys are around, ths it becomes *everyone's* business to stop their unacceptable behavior. Where are the parents?

Sincerely,
Carroll M. Chase
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To the Editor:

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Mattapoisett Congregational Church

To the Editor:

The tree planting committee in Mattapoisett is planting trees thoughout the town. I believe they should consider planting a "permanent" Christmas tree at Shipyard Park, and this would save the Town of Mattapoisett time and save the taxpayers money (since the town always places a Christmas tree at Shipyard Park yearly at Christmas season).

Happy holidays!

Sincerely,
Dick Clarke
Mattapoisett

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The Town of Mattapoisett has a busy slate of events planned for Saturday, December 1 as they kick off their Second Annual Village Stroll and "Holiday in the Park." From 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Saint Anthony's Church will host a Fair and Luncheon that morning while the Mattapoisett Lions Club's "Village Shops" Arts and Crafts Show will take place from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Center School Gym just a few steps away. The Mattapoisett Historical Museum and Carriage House will be open to the public from 1:00 to 3:00 pm that day, and the Mattapoisett Boy Scouts will be selling wreaths and poinsettias, while serving free hot cocoa, at the Mattapoisett Town Hall beginning at 10:00 am.

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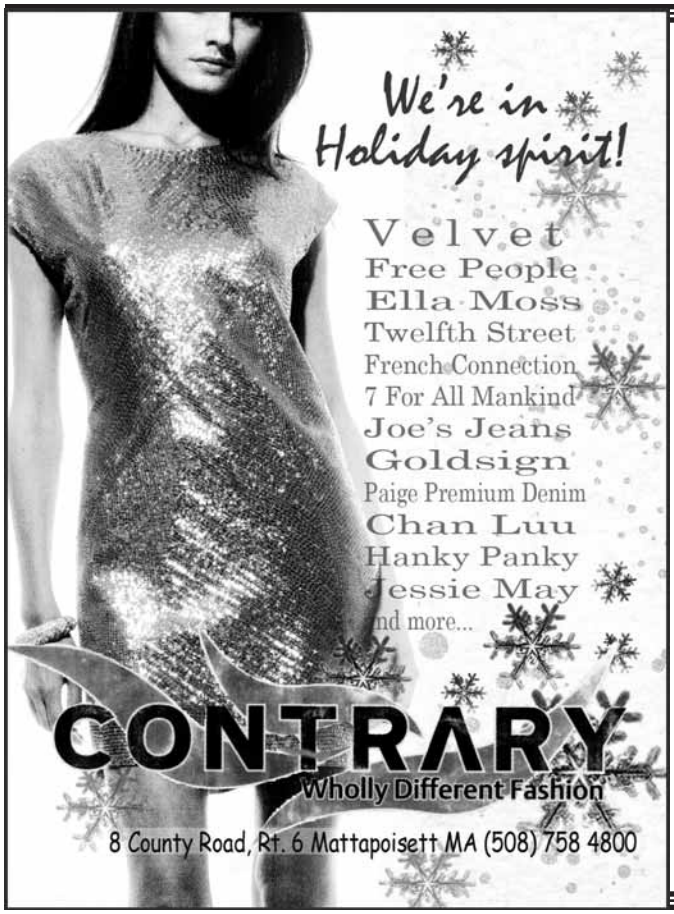
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The town-sponsored "Holiday in the Park" events will take place in Shipyard Park from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, with a Tree Lighting scheduled for 12:00 noon. Santa is slated to make an appearance with his friends and children of all ages are encouraged to make an ornament to hang on the town tree while waiting for Santa.

The Holiday in the Park will include a food tent with various treats provided by local restaurants; pony rides provided by Seahorse Farms; cookie decorating with the Water Street Realty office; face painting provided by the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Youth Group; sale of "Dinner For Two" books by the Friends of the Elderly; and a "Holiday Door Decorating Contest" sponsored by the Mattapoisett Women's Club. Applications for the door decorating contest will be available at the tree lighting or at the Mattapoisett Town Hall. The winner will be announced and published in a later edition of *The Wanderer*.

Jim Farmer and students from Old Rochester Regional Junior High School will provide musical entertainment in Shipyard Park from 11:30 am to 12:00 noon and The Showstoppers will also be on hand from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Attendees are asked to bring along a non-perishable food item to donate and will receive a raffle ticket at the Mattapoisett Lions Club booth in exchange for a chance to win a large stuffed animal. There will also be a collection of unwrapped gifts for children between the ages of 5 and 12.

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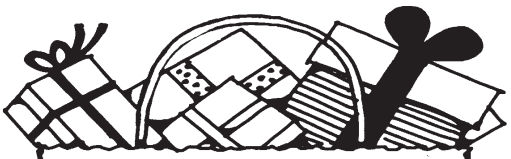
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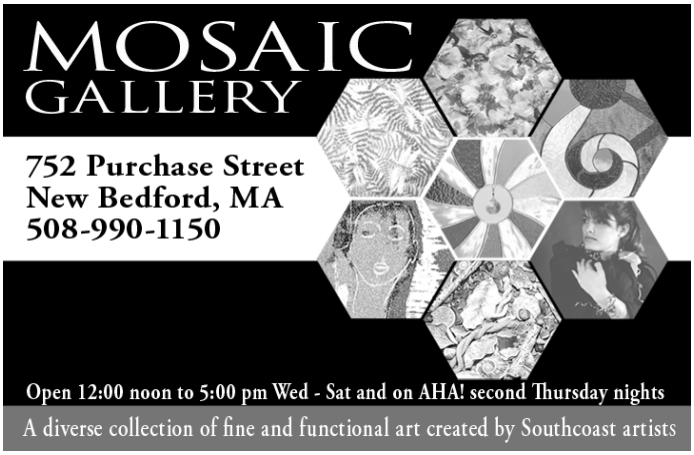
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Rochester Holiday Gathering

Rochester Center, the Joseph Plumb Memorial Library, the First Congregational Church, and the Plumb Corner Mall will be having their annual Holiday Gathering. Toys for Tots and canned goods will be accepted at the Plumb Corner Mall. Children can participate in crafts and cookie decorating while waiting for a hay ride or special visitor. The library will be setting up their tree-decorating display in front of the library and carolers will





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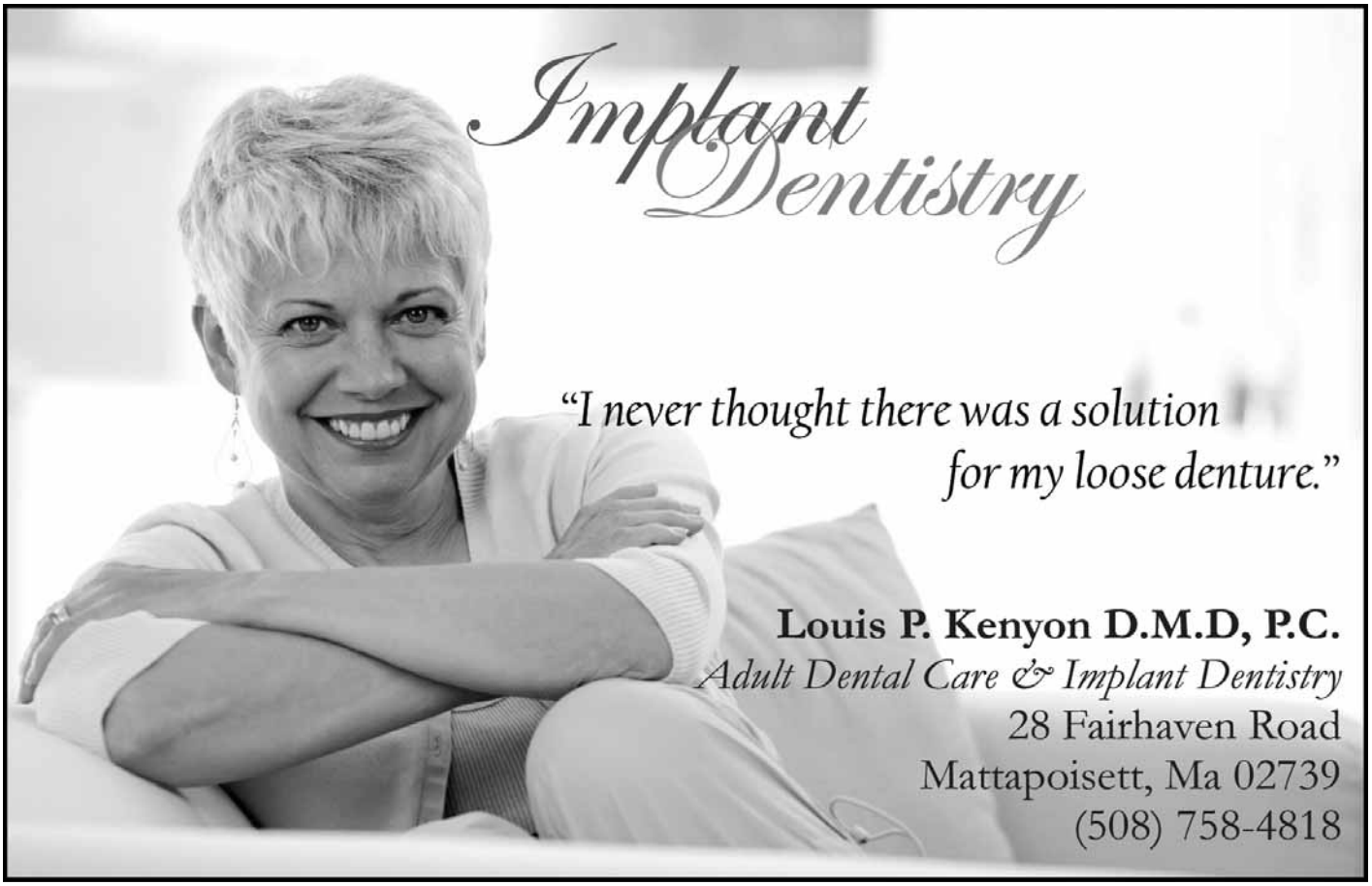
Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 14 in Reynard Hall at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. There will be an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and punch served at 6:00 pm and a delicious meal catered locally by Panino's which will follow

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at 6:30 pm. The menu will be roast turkey with stuffing and gravy, mashed red bliss potatoes, butternut squash, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, grapenut pudding, coffee and punch. The cost of the meal will be $15 per person and checks may be sent, payable to the Maconchu Club, to Joan Manchester, 5 LeBaron Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Deadline is Monday, December 10 and guests are welcome and encouraged.

Entertainment is planned following the dinner: some students from the ORR Drama Club will come in costume from their latest production of "A Christmas Carol" to do some carolling, of course, with Paul Sardinha accompanying them on piano. And then, maybe, everyone will sing!

Marion Taxes Due

Marion Town Treasurer / Collector Gary J. Carreiro would like to remind Marion taxpayers that Fiscal Year 2008 Boat Excise taxes are due on or before January 15, 2008. Taxpayers are encouraged to mail their payment to: The Town of Marion, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Please contact the Tax Collector's office at 508-748-3504 or 508-748-3506 with any questions you may have regarding your bill. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Fridays, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Holiday Parking Program

In an effort to encourage folks to do their holiday shopping in New Bedford, the city is offering a special Holiday Parking Program. Effective now through January 1, 2008, New Bedford is offering free two-hour parking at metered spaces in both the downtown and North End business districts, and also at the Elm Street and Zeiterion garages.

If you are parked at a meter in either the downtown or North End business districts while doing your holiday shopping and by chance receive a ticket, please take or mail your parking ticket along with a copy of sales receipt for over $10 from a downtown or North End Business district restaurant / merchant to the Traffic Commission Office.

The Traffic Commission Office is located at 51 Elm Street and is open from Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program can be directed to the Traffic Commission Office at 508-961-3153.

The 2007 Holiday Parking Program is sponsored by the City of New Bedford Office of the Mayor in conjunction with Downtown New Bedford Inc. and the North End Business Association.

Nasketucket Bird Club

The Nasketucket Bird Club will meet on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 pm in Mattapoisett's Center School. The subject of the meeting is the Christmas Bird Count with Mike Boucher as guest speaker. As always,

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Marion Christmas Boutique

The Marion Garden Discussion Group will hold their annual Christmas Boutique on Saturday, December 8 in the library of Saint Gabriel's Church. The doors open at 9:30 am.

This year's theme is "Down to Earth," featuring decorations embellished with things from nature, handmade by the garden club members. The Boutique is also a stop on the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. People traditionally buy their special holiday arrangement, swag or ornament at this sale.

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Co-chairs Kyle Riseley and Jane Dolan have been coordinating the numerous workshops members use to create the unique and beautiful items sold at the boutique.

"We have added many new items to our traditional selection of arrangements, wreaths and garlands," said Ms. Reisley. "We are featuring items that can be enjoyed indoors for the winter season then transplanted into the garden in the spring."

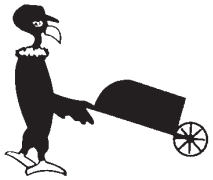
Succulent dish gardens, living wreaths, glass ornaments planted with living materials and dwarf Alberta Spruce along with items embellished with shells for a seaside look will be included. "We emphasize use of natural materials for all our items," Ms. Dolan added. "This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year."

Proceeds from this annual sale are used for the beautification of Marion Village with the continued planting and maintenance of the town's window boxes.

Marion Book Fair

A great place for holiday shopping is the Scholastic Book Fair that will be held at Sippican School. Hundreds of books will be available for purchase during the week of December 3 through December 7. The general public is invited to the school to buy books on Tuesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 6 from 3:15 pm until 8:00 pm. Please enter the school through the back door off Park Street and park in the parking lot at the end of the road.

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Town Seal Ornament

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Marion residents should call 508-748-3530. Mattapoisett residents should call 508-758-4100, extension 8. Rochester residents should call 508-763-5421. A $5 suggested donation is encouraged for all residents not covered by Medicare.

Mattapoisett Fuel Assistance

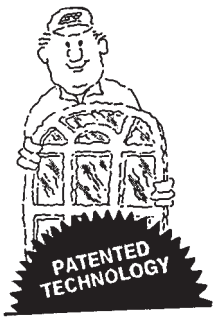
Mattapoisett residents are reminded that PACE Fuel Assistance is currently taking applications. "With the ever rising cost of oil and other heating sources, we encourage residents to take advantage of what the program has to offer," said Fran Stubbs, Director of Fuel Assistance Program at PACE. The income guidelines are generous with a household of one, the gross annual income cannot exceed $20,420 and for a household of two it is $27,380. The value of your primary residence is not taken into consideration and the first $100 of a household's annual interest is exempt under the program regulations. In addition to helping with heating cost, households found eligible for the program may also be eligible for discounted telephone and electric rates. For more information, please call PACE Fuel Assistance at 508-999-9920 or speak with Ben Martin or Vanessa Williams at the Mattapoisett COA at 508-758-4110.

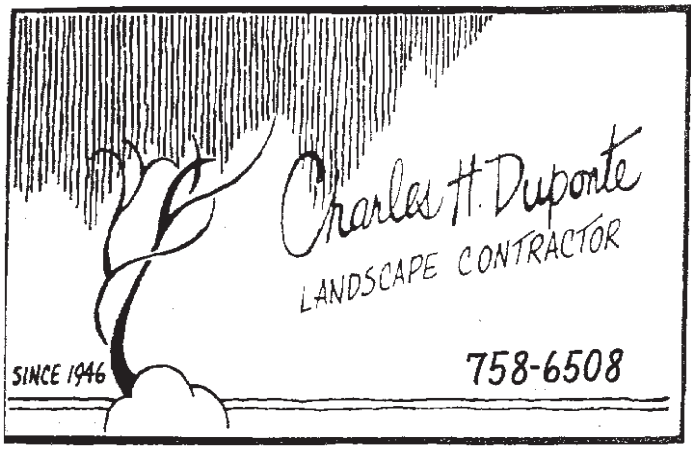
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(NHS) was awarded a national Outstanding Service Project Award as part of the National Honor Society Conference held in Atlanta, GA from November 9 to November 11, 2007. Thirteen students represented Old Colony at the fifteenth annual conference.

This is the eighth time and fifth year in a row that Old Colony has received a national Outstanding Service Project Award. This year the award was received for the service project "Beading the Odds." This project involved making beaded bracelets for both adults and children which were then donated to a local women's shelter.

Old Colony was one of ten NHS Chapters that received national awards for outstanding service to their school and community this year, and this is the only chapter in the country to have won eight Outstanding Service Project awards.

Nearly 800 National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society members and faculty advisors from across the country participated in the National Conference held this year in Atlanta, GA. During the three-day conference delegates attended workshop sessions on leadership, NHS values, effective student projects, and heard presentations from nationally-known speakers. In addition, members networked with student leaders and advisors from schools across the nation, discussed social, educational and political issues and exchanged ideas.

The members of the Old Colony chapter of the NHS who attended the conference were: Nicholas Aba-

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Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

Poinsettias and wreaths will be on sale at the Mattapoisett Town Hall during the Holiday Stroll on Saturday, December 1. This event is a Boy Scout 53 project and includes cards for our servicemen that you may sign. These cards will be included in care packages that will be sent to our troops for the holidays. Come and support your local Boy Scout Troop and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa. The sale will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Marion Postcard Book

Publication is right around the corner for Sippican Historical and Preservation Society (SHPS) Curator Pete Smith's wonderful book, *A Picture Postcard History of Marion*. Several years in development, the book chronicles the growth and changes in the town, as recorded on postcards during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Before telephones became commonplace, postcards were the cheapest, fastest modes of long-distance communication. Eventually, the postcards from that era became collectibles, some for their historical relevance and others for their visual appeal.

For Pete, the interest in local postcards has been lifelong; for him, postcards of Marion, "bring back memories of places, people, and a way of living long gone. They also stir a bit of awe ... about how some aspects of the town endure — through the generations, alongside the press of commercialism and development, and despite repeated attempts by Mother Nature to remake the landscape with wind and water." In addition to his own extensive research and materials, Pete was able to draw from SHPS holdings and those of fellow Marion postcard collectors. Aiding him tremendously in the development

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of the book were fellow SHPS members Dan and Judy MacKinnon, as well as Ann Washburn. *A Picture Postcard History of Marion* should be available for purchase by the beginning of December, perfect for holiday gift-giving. To reserve a copy of the book, please call 508-748-1116.

Deck the Doors Contest

Deck the doors with boughs of holly, bittersweet, fans of apple, ornaments of dried okra, pomegranate, oyster shells, and all things natural. The second annual door decorating competition is getting underway as the Mattapoisett Women's Club revives the custom of affixing fruits, vegetables, dried flowers, herbs, and other plant life to basic Christmas forms like wreaths, swags, and roping.

The "Deck-the-Door" committee spearheaded by Sandy Hering is searching for creativity, seasonality, and décor consistent with Mattapoisett's historical setting. "All town residents and businesses are encouraged to decorate their front doors for the holiday season," said Ms. Lois Ennis. "The decorations suggest a time when the holidays revolved around the sharing of one's blessings with friends and family," added club president Bette Parker.

Mattapoisett's Second Annual decorating competition is a key scholarship fundraiser for the Women's Club. Judging takes place the week of the December 10. Applications are available at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, the Seaport Village Coffee Shoppe and the Mattapoisett Clipper Barber Shops or by sending your name, address, P.O. Box, telephone number to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club at P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739-1444 or e-mailing the information to: **mattwomansclub@verizon.net**. Applications must be received by December 8, 2007.

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Marion Piano Concert

Internationally-renowned pianist Deltcho Deltchev will be in concert on Friday, November 30 at 7:30 pm in the Lyndon South Auditorium on the campus of Tabor Academy in Marion. Mr. Deltchev will also be conducting a master class at 3:30 pm that afternoon. Both events are open to the public and free of charge. The program for the evening concert will include *Partita No. 1* and *Partita No. 2* of Johann Sebastian Bach. Mr. Deltchev's appearance is made possible by the Joseph Tomlinson Fund for Visiting Artists.

Bulgarian born pianist Deltcho Deltchev began piano studies at the age of five, entering the Special School for Gifted Children in Haskovo as one of their youngest students. A year later he presented his first solo

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recital, and shortly afterward, won first prize in both the Haskovo State Music Competition (1984) and the Nedialka Simeonova Piano Competition (1985).

After entering the Plovdiv Boarding School of Music in 1986, Deltchev toured Bulgaria, and made his orchestral debut with the Haskovo Symphony Orchestra that was broadcast on BNR. Upon graduation, he received a full merit scholarship to the Academy of Music and Dance in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, and was invited to perform in their opening gala concert in 1993. The following year Mr. Deltchev received a full merit scholarship from Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio, where he earned a Performance Diploma. He continued his studies with full merit scholarships from San Francisco Conservatory and again at Indiana University at Bloomington, where he completed a graduate Performance Diploma with Evelyine Brancart.

Deltcho Deltchev has performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Notable venues include the Museum of Fine Arts in Montgomery, Lorraine Hansberry Theater in San Francisco, Goethe Institute in Boston, Casa Verdi in Milan (Italy), Castel Franco Palace in Venice, Dimov Theater in Haskovo (Bulgaria). Deltchev has received superlative reviews. *The Montgomery Advisor* wrote of Deltchev: "This concert was a taste of

MILESTONES

Deaths

Tony R. Lockwood, 63, of Rochester, MA, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday November 24, 2007 after a brief illness. He is survived by Susan M. Lockwood, his wife of 43 years. Tony was born in Surrey, England and moved to New England with his family in 1983. They lived in Mattapoisett until 2005.

A pilot, Tony was passionate about flying. He spent many years volunteering for the Coast Guard Auxiliary's aviation program, and was a familiar face around Plymouth airport where he kept a Cessna.

His creativity, combined with an entrepreneurial spirit, led him to start Cobweb Films, a film and video production business. Tony also enjoyed painting, writing and photography.

Tony is survived by his daughter Emma, son Simon, along with his wife, Katie, and their new baby Benjamin, his sister Pam Andrews and brother-in-law, Clive Andrews.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, for skin cancer research, www.dana-farber.org, or Southcoast Hospice, www.schospice.org. There will be a Memorial service for family and friends at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church on Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 PM followed by light refreshments. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett.

Lewis C. Franklin, Jr., of Mattapoisett and Bradenton, FL. passed away November 24, 2007. Mr. Franklin leaves his wife, Mary (Ryan) Franklin, his children, Lewis Franklin III and his wife Irina of Wellesley, MA; Ellen Hill and her husband Randall of Rumford, IL; Joanne Petrie and her husband Scott of Medfield, MA and James Franklin and his wife Emily of Franklin, MA. He also leaves 9 grandhcildren. Services in Bradenton FL. Donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care, 3355 26th St. Bradenton, FL 34209

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heaven." Just recently, the *Los Alamos Monitor* declared: "Deltchev has the gift, but moreover, he has the presence a performer needs to hypnotize his audience."

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Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 5 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Damon Howard, who is an accomplished historian and researcher. Damon has titled his presentation "Buddy, Can You S'Paradigm?" (to be explained at the meeting) and will focus, with artifacts, slides, videotapes and overhead visuals, on the fact that Christopher Columbus was actually a later-comer to our part of the Old World. This trip into the world of archeological exploration promises to be one of the best meetings of the year.

Callers are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy when reporting. Lists should be reported no later than 9:00 pm on December 3 by calling 508-758-9311. Last-minute changes by members can be made by calling the same number direct no later than 9:00 pm on December 3.

Fairhaven "Green" Committee

A Fairhaven committee has been approved by the town's Board of Selectmen to make recommendations pertaining to the exciting revenue streams that could result from environmental stewardship. According to founding member Deirdre Healy, "The group was formed as a response to the town's endorsement of the Kyoto Protocol. We thought the signing was an important act and

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Men in Black

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***No Country for Old Men*. Starring Tommy Lee Jones and Josh Brolin. Directed by Joel and Ethan Coen. Running time: 122 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

Anyone reading *No Country for Old Men* as a thriller about good vs. evil is a little short of the mark, I think. To me, it's a Zen koan about life and death. The koan issues forth from the lips of Cormac McCarthy, the grizzled master who won the Pulitzer this year for his post-apocalyptic fable *The Road*. McCarthy's ruminative 2005 novel — named after a line in a Yeats poem — serves as the basis for this film, a sharp return to seriousness for Joel and Ethan Coen after some larking around. The Coens' movies often feature desperate men committing crimes, and also important characters perishing offscreen. McCarthy's book has both, so it's as if he wrote it for the Coens. They have responded with a fully alert film of quiet and considerable power that is only incidentally about finding two million dollars of drug cash and trying to run away with it.

Such a happenstance befalls Llewellyn Moss (Josh Brolin), trying to pick off antelopes in the Texas desert when he spots a blood trail in the sand. It leads him to the money, along with much death. Llewellyn makes off with the suitcase of cash, sending his wife (Kelly McDonald) off to her mama's house and dodging the bad men who want the money back. One of them is the baddest of bad men, Anton Chigurh (Javier Bardem), who travels with a captive bolt pistol, the sort used to punch holes in the tough skulls of cattle. Chigurh has an unplaceable southwestern/Latin accent, as if he emerged from the Texas/Mexico border itself, sent by the very earth to monitor the troubles of humans and occasionally end them.

In what amounts to a supporting role elevated to the status of moral center, Tommy Lee Jones walks uneasily through the movie as Ed Tom Bell, a sheriff close to retirement. Ed Tom feels social entropy in his bones: he observes that, once you stop hearing "sir" and "ma'am," that's when you know it's over. The sheriff wants to find Llewellyn, to save him from certain disaster, but Llewellyn doesn't want to be found. Chigurh will find him regardless; he always does. Tommy Lee Jones lets his voice go soft and high, almost feminine. He's like Lillian Gish in *Night of the Hunter*, taking arms against casual savagery, but without her gumption. The older Ed Tom gets, the more he feels the inevitability of Chigurh's triumph.

As you may have gathered, *No Country for Old Men* is artsier and deeper than most anything else the Coens have done, with the exception of the willfully cryptic *Barton Fink* and the masterpiece *Miller's Crossing*. Here they bring all their monkish technique to bear: there's hardly any music, but such sounds as an air tank lightly settling on pavement and a candy wrapper uncrinkling itself on a gas-station counter dominate the soundtrack. The action begins in sun-baked majesty but eventually retreats into shadowy motel rooms. The story is set in 1980 but, less a few details, could unfold in 1880. Chigurh keeps coming, an art-house Michael Myers, and Javier Bardem instills him with a diabolical *calmness*. He's not a psycho, not a monster, not the Devil: he's a much bigger figure, Death itself, and there's not much life around to rise in resistance to him. Nor would life, in the end, trump him anyway. Bardem's Chigurh is patient, never showing even a flicker of anger; he's the most frightening thing I've seen in a movie in a long time.

The film left me feeling slightly fatigued and fragile, but wanting to see it again. The Coens, like McCarthy before them, use a thriller structure to cut to the heart of the big mysteries. What can life mean if it ends? Does it mean more or less? Chigurh sometimes offers people a coin toss to determine whether they end or go on. One person complies, not understanding the gravity of the offer; another refuses, perhaps on the grounds that life and death shouldn't be a *game* for one man to decide. *No Country for Old Men* tracks various people chasing after money or security, the things that are supposed to keep us happy and ward off darkness, but which mean so little that the pursuit of these things doesn't even guarantee you an onscreen death. This is the blackest *film noir* in years.

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Friday, Nov. 30 through Thursday, Dec. 6:
Bella (PG13) – 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
No Country for Old Men (R) – 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Awake (R) – 1:10, 4:10, 7:05, 9:20
This Christmas (PG13) – 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45
The Mist (R) – 1:40, 4:25, 6:55, 9:40
Enchanted (PG) – 1:20, 4:05, 6:45, 9:15
August Rush (PG) – 1:30, 4:15, 6:50, 9:10
Fred Claus (PG) – 1:25, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
Beowulf (PG13) – 1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55
Hitman (R) – 1:35, 4:20, 7:35, 9:50
Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G) – 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:25
Dan in Real Life (PG13) – 9:25
Bee Movie (PG) – 1:15, 7:10
American Gangster (R) – 4:00, 9:05

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Enchanted (PG) – 1:40, 3:55, 7:05, 9:20
August Rush (PG) – 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35
Hitman (R) – 2:00, 4:05, 7:15, 9:25
Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G) – 1:55, 4:15, 6:50, 8:55
Fred Claus (PG) – 1:35, 4:10, 6:55, 9:15
Beowulf (PG13) – 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Dan in Real Life (PG13) – 1:25, 9:45
American Gangster (R) – 3:35, 6:40
Gone Baby Gone (R) – 9:00
Bee Movie (PG) – 1:50, 3:50, 6:45

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Friday, Nov. 30 through Thursday, Dec. 6:
August Rush (PG) – Fri: 7:00, 9:20; Sat/Sun: 1:00, 3:35, 7:00, 9:20; Mon-Thu: 3:45, 6:55
No Country for Old Men (R) – Fri: 6:50, 9:20; Sat/Sun: 12:40, 3:45, 6:50, 9:20; Mon-Thu: 3:25, 6:45
Into the Wild (R) – Fri: 7:30; Sat/Sun: 12:30, 3:55, 7:30; Mon-Thu: 3:15, 6:30
Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (R) – Fri: 7:10, 9:30; Sat/Sun: 12:50, 3:25, 7:10, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 3:35, 7:00
Dan in Real Life (PG13) – Fri: 7:20, 9:25; Sat/Sun: 1:10, 4:00, 7:20, 9:25; Mon-Thu: 3:55, 7:05

want to help make progress towards the healthy future of our town."

Another founding member, Patrick McLoughlin stated that, "We think that it is in the best interest of the town to create a sustainability committee as many Southcoast Massachusetts communities have and believe we can create local systems that not only reduce global warming, but also enhance revenue."

The committee has already begun meeting to study and review best practices and opportunities to create a sustainable future for the Fairhaven community. Committee members report that initial plans include: a website of "green resources" for town residents, a "green shelf" in the library, and the promotion of composting bins that are available from the state. The committee members also want to find ways to support "local farms and family fun."

The next meeting date is planned for Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm at the Fairhaven Fire Station. Interested Fairhaven residents are welcome. For more information, please contact John McLoughlin at **johnmcloug@gmail.com** or call 508-999-7561.

Mattapoisett Village Shops

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will present "Village Shops 2007," a holiday arts and crafts show on December 1 and 2 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Center School Gym on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. Come visit and

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Tri-Town Happenings



The Mattapoisett Lions Club recently held its annual speech contest. The theme for this year was "How can my generation contribute to the world we will inherit?" Pictured here are (l. to r.) Colleen Sinnott, runner up, Steve Magyar, Lions Club President, and Alyssa Ray, this year's winner. First place is a $100 savings bond and second place is a $50 savings bond. The winner and possibly the runner up now advance to the zone competition held in early December.



Old Rochester Regional School Superintendent Dr. Bill Cooper recently presented the 2007 Superintendent Award to ORR senior Charles Tucker Johnson. Tucker is the son of Mr. and Ms. Shep Johnson of Marion. The award is given to the highest ranking member of the senior class. Here Tucker (center) accepts the Superintendent's Award from School Committee Chairman Bob Nectow (right) and Superintendent Bill Cooper (left).



The Annual Holiday Shop is now open at the Marion Art Center. Thirty-six artists and artisans offer a variety of jewelry, ceramics, clothing, cards, glass, ornaments, photography, paintings, puppets, ribbons, birds, scrimshaw, furniture and fiber. Everything is handmade and unique. The shop will be open Tuesday to Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm through December 21. Admission is free.



The Marion Garden Discussion Group is busy preparing for their annual Christmas Boutique, "Down to Earth," to be held on Saturday, December 8 beginning at 9:30 am in the Saint Gabriel's Church Library in Marion. Garden Club members (l. to r.) Joanne Hannan, Laurie Fearing, Kym Lee, Connie Dolan, Betty Cooney and Betsy Fallon gather at the home of Kym Lee to create decorations using cones, nuts and twigs.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com.

discover a fine selection of unique hand-crafted items by local artisans. Find that perfect gift for yourself or someone on your holiday list. There will be food and musical entertainment. Think of this as "Harbor Days for the Holidays!" Why not plan to spend the day strolling through the village, enjoying the other activities as well?

Marion Book Signing

On Friday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, The Bookstall in Marion will host a book signing and reception for the authors and publisher of *On the Wind: The Marine Photographs of Norman Fortier.* This oversized book contains a chronicle of 60 years of Mr. Fortier's large-format maritime photos of sailing on Buzzards Bay during the post-war era. The book has just been published by the New Bedford Whaling Museum in cooperation with David Godine of Black Sparrow Press. Its introduction and captions were written by Calvin Siegal and Llewellyn Howland of Dartmouth, and the images were edited by Michael Lapides, the Whaling Museum's photo curator. Mr. Howland and Mr. Siegal will be signing copies of the book at the event.

Mr. Fortier is well-known to Marion and Mattapoisett sailors, as he covered Buzzards Bay from the Cape Cod Canal to Newport and Block Island. *On the Wind* carries the viewer west to Rhode Island Sound and Newport, east to Mattapoisett, Marion, and to the harbors at the head of Buzzards Bay. The book sells for $40. For more information, please call 508-748-1041.

Breakfast With Santa

Come join Santa Claus for breakfast on Sunday, December 2 at Saint Joseph School, 100 Spring Street in Fairhaven. Breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausages, juice, milk and coffee. There will be a coloring contest that the children can enter and holiday videos will be playing throughout the morning. Pictures with Santa will be available for $7 each, however if you bring a non-perishable food item the picture is just $5. All food items will go the Shepherd's Pantry (please keep in mind that Christmas is around the corner and there are many people in need). All

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Tri-Town Police Logs



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Log highlights November 11 through November 17, 2007:

• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Spring Street – general offense
• Mill Street – suspicious activity
• Converse Road – animal complaint
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Abels Way – animal complaint
• County Road – fraud
• Lewis Street – burglar alarm
• Mill Street – suspicious activity
• Rocky Knook Lane – officer wanted
• Spring Street – disturbance at school/adult arrest (warrant)
• Spring Street – suspicious person
• Nokomis Road – suspicious person
• Marion Road – assist other police department
• Point Road – disturbance
• Cross Neck Road – fraud
• Wareham Road – disturbance
• Marion Road – officer wanted
• Abels Way – animal complaint
• Cottage Street – officer wanted
• Spring Street – animal complaint
• Oakdale Avenue – suspicious person
• Spring Street – suspicious person
• Nokomis Road – disturbance
• Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Converse Road – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• South Street – animal complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

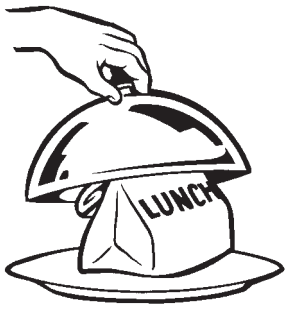
Log highlights November 18 through November 24, 2007:

• County Road – assault
• Acushnet Road – civil complaint
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – motor vehicle accident
• Acushnet Road – suspicious activity
• Route 195 East – safety/road hazard
• Ocean Drive – harassing/annoying phone calls
• Barstow Street – fire alarm
• Water Street – fire alarm
• County Road – property returned
• County Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – motor vehicle accident
• Holly Woods Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Acushnet Road – ambulance request
• Baptist Street – officer wanted
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – officer wanted
• Beaver Path – vandalism
• North Street – suspicious activity
• Sherwood Avenue – suspicious persons
• Reservation Road – suspicious persons
• Timberledge Lane – gunshots reported
• Winter Hill Road – suspicious persons
• Brandt Island Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Holly Hollow Lane – vandalism
• Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• North Street – suspicious persons
• North Street – family offense/non-violent.

ROCHESTER

Log highlights November 20 through November 27, 2007:

• Walnut Plain Road – assist other agency
• Union Church Terrace – highway matter
• Nye's Lane – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Cranberry Highway – adult arrest (warrant)
• Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
• New Bedford Road – suspicious activity/past
• Sarah Sherman Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – traffic hazard
• Mary's Pond Road – suspicious activity/adult arrest (warrant)
• North Avenue – incapacitated person/suspicious activity/adult arrest (protective custody)
• Alley Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Neck Road – disturbance
• Bryant Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
• Walnut Plain Road – disturbance
• Hathaway Pond Circle – breaking and entering
• Snipatuit Road – suspicious activity
• Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Dexter Lane – missing person
• New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
• Cushman Road – suspicious motor vehicle.



Local Lunch Menus

MATTAPOISETT / MARION / ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, December 3: Chicken pattie on a roll, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday, December 4: Mozzarella sticks, marinara sauce, potato wedges, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday, December 5: Baked chicken, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday, December 6: Waffle sticks, syrup, light sausage, mini hash brown, fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday, December 7: Pizza, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, December 3: Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, California blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, mandarin oranges.
Tuesday, December 4: Minestrone soup, meatball sub, hash browns, sub roll, apple.
Wednesday, December 5: Breaded fish fillet, tartar sauce, O'Brien potatoes, Scandinavian blend vegetables, multigrain roll, pineapple in light syrup.
Thursday, December 6: Boneless chicken breast with supreme sauce, oven roasted potatoes, peas, cauliflower, carrot blend, whole wheat roll, holiday cake, graham wafer.
Friday, December 7: Cheese lasagna, tomato sauce, Italian blend vegetables, Scali bread, vanilla pudding, sugar-free pudding.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 3: Chicken pattie on a roll, potato wedges, vegetable, fresh rise pizza, veggie burger.
Tuesday, December 4: Breakfast for lunch: waffle sticks, hash brown, cinnamon apples, grilled cheese.
Wednesday, December 5: Steak with/without cheese, potato wedges, vegetable, pizza, fried chicken.
Thursday, December 6: Teriyaki chicken, fajita wraps, nachos, cheese sauce, vegetable, fresh rise pizza.
Friday, December 7: American pizza, vegetable, pretzel, peanut butter and jelly.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 3: Teriyaki chicken, chicken pattie, French fries, carrots, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit.
Tuesday, December 4: Cheeseburger, hash brown pattie, peas, pears.
Wednesday, December 5: Pasta with meat sauce, green beans, cheese stick, roll, peaches.
Thursday, December 6: Sausage sandwich, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, strawberry chiffon pudding.
Friday, December 7: Tuna, pizza, potato chips, veggie sticks, mixed fruit.

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Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for children and may be purchased at the school now through November 30. All proceeds from this breakfast will benefit Saint Joseph School. For tickets or more information, please call Liz Rogers at 508-996-1983.

Mattapoisett Holiday Workshop

Let your child make a gift for someone special while you shop for a gift at the Holiday Workshop and Craft Fair to be held on Sunday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Knight of Columbus Hall, Route 6 in Mattapoisett. There will be kid crafts, face-painting, snacks, bake sale, a Chinese auction and much, much more. Take pictures with Santa from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. A suggested donation of $3 per child will benefit the Relay for Life of the Tri-Town. For more information, please contact Caryn Hodges at 508-989-7805 or Carol Lareau at 978-307-0530.

Marion Council on Aging

Parkinson's Group

The next Parkinson's Group meeting will be held on December 12 at Fay's Restaurant beginning at 1:00 pm. Please call Judy Medeiros at 508-997-0907 to reserve a spot

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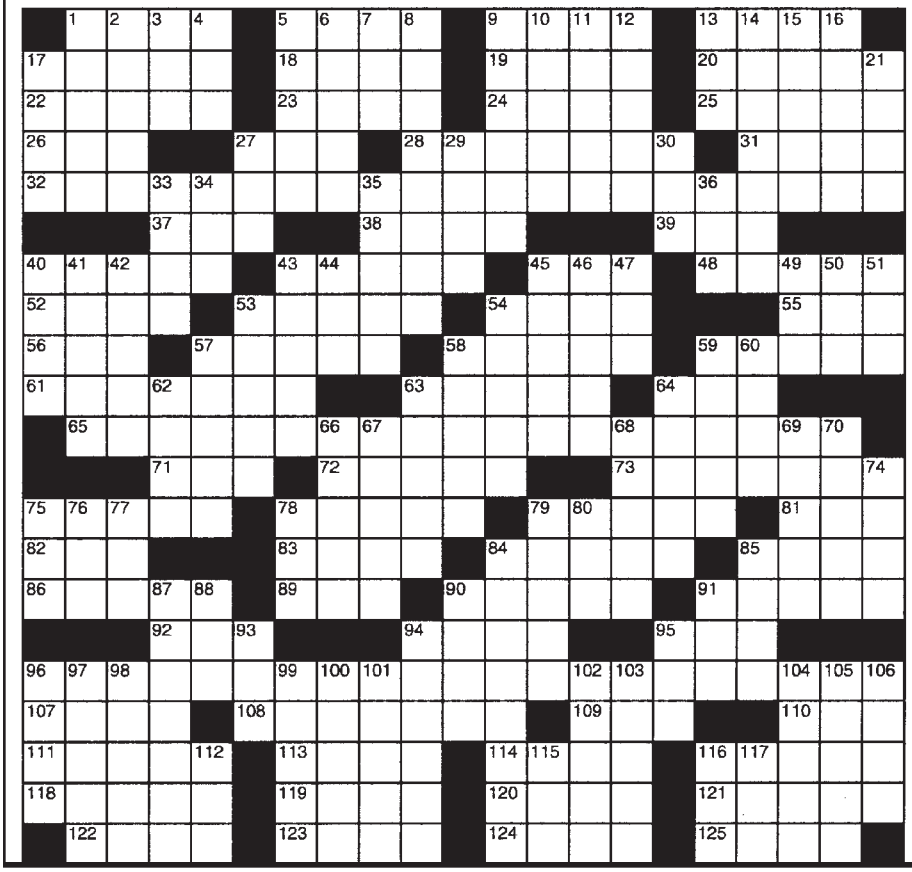
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19 Akbar's city
20 Madonna role
22 Moral man?
23 Pianist Lupu
24 Unwelcome visit?
25 Plot
26 Narcs' org.
27 Roberts or Robertson
28 Took in
31 Dress size
32 Start of a remark by Marguerite Whitely May
37 Malamute medic
38 Eaves dropper?
39 "— whiz!"
40 Assumption
43 "Tosca" tenor
45 "Veronica's Closet" item
48 Haggard
52 Surrounded by
53 Cook's cry
54 Wilbur Post's confidant
55 Curly poker?
56 Crony
57 Eisenhower, for one
58 African capital
59 Mansfield or Meadows
61 Author France
63 It comes from the heart
64 Weep
65 Middle of remark
71 "Make — double!"
72 Crack up
73 "Evil Ways" group
75 — salad
78 Pennsylvania sect
79 Rock's Tears for —
81 Squash shot
82 Garage supply
83 — in (yield)
84 Beetle Bailey's boss
85 1,760 yards
86 Put on hold
89 Vane letters
90 Composer Gabriel
91 '78 Peace Nobelist
92 Actor Cariou
94 Downs a donut
95 Antlered animal
96 End of remark
107 Aphrodite's son
108 Jeeves' master
109 Say please too often?
110 Buddy
111 "The Full —" ('96 film)
113 Guitar kin
114 Author Dinesen
116 "What — Bob?" ('91 film)
118 Poet Sanchez
119 Level
120 Mall event
121 Quiet partner?
122 Singer Lonnie
123 Start a crop
124 Blabbed
125 Conductor Jeffrey

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2 Retract
3 Skater Midori
4 Use a phaser
5 Scarecrow stuffing
6 Ire
7 Pitch in
8 Peak
9 Kind of swallow
10 Once more
11 Treat alternative
12 Hot spot?
13 Mo
14 First name in boxing
15 Shinbone
16 Berle sidekick
17 Pinkett of "The Nutty Professor"
21 Nautical adverb
27 Favorite
29 Kentucky neighbor
30 Westminster winner
33 Roman poet
34 Aerialist's fallback
35 Senator Hatch
36 Spear-headed
40 Mama's boy?
41 Muscat native
42 Marner or Lapham
43 Diverse
44 Khan opener?
45 Actress Ekland
46 Broadcast in July
47 Bustle
49 One of the Marches
50 Finished first
51 Born
53 Perry's secretary
54 Swamp
57 Reggae's — and the Maytals
58 Cold sound
59 Pop Art pioneer
60 Blind as —
62 Relief initials?
63 Tickle
64 Gawk
66 Violinist Mischa
67 Inexperienced
68 Inedible fruit
69 Sound
70 "— Gay"
74 Facilitate a felony
75 Fare for a fry
76 Hurry
77 Sprite
78 Mr. Lucky's card
79 Gounod opera
80 Drop a brick
84 Juvenal or Swift
85 Certain shark
87 Stretchy
88 Gun the engine
90 Mirror image?
91 Crafty
93 Contemporary
94 Hold out
95 Word with good or bad
96 Clears one's throat
97 Forster's "— With a View"
98 Singer Summer
99 Parts
100 "— Got a Friend" ('71 hit)
101 Cosmetician Lauder
102 Everything considered
103 Bare
104 Kapitan's command
105 Armistice
106 Table d'—
112 Flap one's gums
115 — Tome
116 Prone
117 Arthur or Benaderet



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and is sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with your strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt started your holiday shopping already. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too -- didn't it?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy's reluctance to cooperate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

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UMass Party

The Marion Council on Aging (COA) has free tickets to the 37th annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party being held in the UMass Dartmouth commuter cafeteria on December 1 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

Fuel Assistance

The COA office now has Fuel Assistance applications. Please call 508-748-3570 to make an appointment.

Speaker Series

The next speaker series will be held on December 5 at the Elizabeth Taber Library at 1:00 pm. The topic this month is "The Older, Wiser Driver," and is being presented by a representative from AAA.

Upcoming Events

The COA van will be visiting the following places: Wareham Crossing on December 4; Independent Mall in Plymouth on December 6; Cape Cod Mall on December 13; and Dartmouth Mall on December 18.

On December 12 the COA van will head to Springfield to drive through the Bright Nights at Forest Park lights display. Please call the COA at 508-748-3570 to reserve your space on the van.

Rochester Toys for Tots

The stores of the Plumb Corner Mall in Rochester are once again collecting Toys for Tots and food for Damien's Pantry this Christmas. Now through December

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LEGAL NOTICETOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#959 A public hearing will be held December 13, 2007, 7:45 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall regarding the petition of Victor and Annie Bucchere, 1029 Walnut Plain Road, Assessors plan 23, lot 17B who are seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.9. to allow conversion of a one family dwelling to a two family dwelling. (proposed is a kitchenette in the basement).
Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 11/22, 11/29

LEGAL NOTICETOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#958 A public hearing will be held on December 13, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall regarding the petition of Thomas Skrutski, 10 Marion Road Assessors plan 6 lot 1, who is seeking a variance from minimum lot area under section VIII.B.1. and a use variance under section VIII.D.6. to allow construction of a limited commercial building.
Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 11/22, 11/29

LEGAL NOTICETOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
#956 The Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the petition of Edward Dias, 228 Braley Hill Road, assessors plan 48 lot 28A, who is seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.6 to allow a business in the agricultural/residential district and a special permit under section VIII.C.2 to allow construction of an accessory structure larger than the allowed 1,000 square feet. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constituiton Way.
Richard J. Manning, Jr., Chairman 11/22, 11/29

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING RELATIVE TO PROPOSE AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION CONTROL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41 Section 81 Q, The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 17, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street Mattapoisett, MA to propose an amendment to the Mattapoisett Subdivision Control Laws. The following proposal will be added as Section "J," will read as follows:

CHAPTER IV Section J

Subdivision Improvement Maintenance Trust

1. All subdivisions hereinafter created under the "Rules and Regulations of the Mattapoisett Planning Board" shall have an accompanying "Landowner Trust" created by the sub-divider, which shall be responsible for preservation and maintenance of all subdivision roadways, ways, rights of way, common areas, open space, subdivision utilities, easements, drainage improvements, subdivision improvements and the like, except with respect to subdivision roads that have been accepted by the Town as public ways.

2. Said Trust shall be created in a form approved by the Mattapoisett Planning Board, prior to endorsement of said plans. The Landowner Trust shall be recorded simultaneously with the recording of said subdivision plan at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

3. All owners of land within the subdivision shall be required to be members as a condition of subdivision approval.

4. All subdivision roadways, ways, rights of way, common areas, open space, subdivision utilities, easements, drainage improvements, subdivision improvements and the like shall be deeded into and maintained by said Landowner Trust. Said sub-divider shall provide the Mattapoisett Planning Board with a recorded copy of both the Landowner Trust and Deed of Improvements into said Trust.

5. Said Landowner Trust shall vest in equal percentages to all Lot owners in said underlying subdivision.

6. As a condition of approval, the Landowner Trust, in the opinion of the Planning Board, shall be sufficiently funded initially and then require monthly or yearly funding by individual lot owners to allow for sufficient funding of initial and projected repair, maintenance and replacement costs.

7. The Landowner Trust shall be responsible for writing to the individual lot owners at least twice per year to provide a report on the status of subdivision improvements and funding, including: (1) the yearly cost of maintenance and repairs for that calendar year; and (2) the yearly cost of maintenance and repairs projected for the following ten calendar years. In addition, at the same time, the Landowner Trust shall write to the individual lot owners and remind the individual lot owners of any obligations that the owners may have to maintain improvements, including drainage swales or berms or other structures located on their individual lots, for instance by periodic mowing or cleaning, and by not planting trees and other landscaping in drainage swales. Individual lot owners shall also be instructed as to best management practices that require the subdivision streets to be maintained in a clear, swept condition to avoid damage to drainage structures.

8. If at any point subsequent to the recording of the Landowner Trust, any or all subdivision roadway(s) or other improvements are accepted by the Town of Mattapoisett, pursuant to the proper procedures, said Trust shall terminate with respect to said accepted roadway(s) or other improvements. In the event that all said roadways and improvements are accepted, said Trustees shall record a certificate of termination endorsed by the Mattapoisett Planning Board, with a written record of said acceptance attached as an exhibit in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. A recorded copy shall be provided to the Mattapoisett Planning Board.
Planning Board 11/29, 12/06

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
INVITATION FOR BIDS
JANITORIAL SERVICES
The Town of Marion, acting through the Office of the Town Administrator and Chief Procurement Officer, invites sealed bids for Janitorial Services for Marion Town House, Police Station, and Fire Station (Spring Street). Bid documents may be obtained during normal business hours at the Selectmen's Office, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA until 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 27, 2007, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. The Town of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the town to do so.
Paul F. Dawson, CPO, Town Administrator 11/29

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Rochester Land Trust, P.O. Box 337, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant. proposes to selectively cut invasive vegetation on the west bank of a man-made pond, so that approximately 50 percent of the bank is clear of vegetation. Selective pruning will be performed on the remaining banks.

The subject property is located at Shadow Farm Lane in Rochester and is designated as Lot #6K, on Assessors' Map #29. The property owner of record is the Rochester Land Trust. The applicant's representative is Russell Keeler, Rochester Land Trust President. This hearing is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.
Rosemary T. Smith, Chairman 11/29

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:10 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Notice of Intent submitted by BROADVIEW TRUST c/o N and M and A HAFFENREFFER, TRUSTEES, to upgrade the septic systems at 83 Moorings Road, further identified as Lot 9A on Marion Assessors' Map 20. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Norman A. Hills, Chairman1 11/29

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
The Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the conference room, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2008 Community Preservation Committee Plan and to explain the application process for FY '09 funds.
Loretta B. Schaefer, Chairman 11/22, 11/29, 12/06

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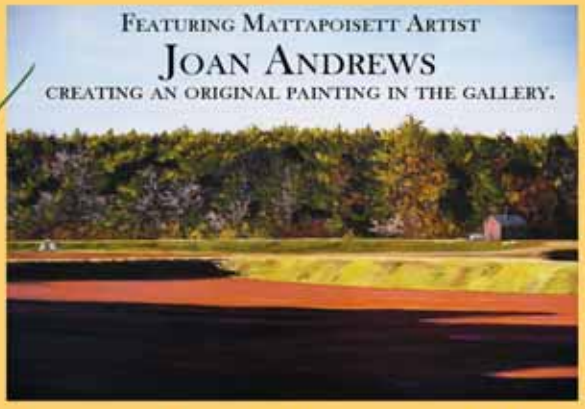
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cians, the chamber group will feature guest artists playing diverse instruments, from the mighty organ to the delicate harpsichord, allowing audiences to hear the robust and rich sounds from the limitless repertory of chamber music.

The three programs, in January, February, and March, take place in New Bedford's Grace Episcopal Church on Sundays at 3:00 pm (pre-concert lecture at 2:30 pm), and in Marion's Music Hall on Thursdays in January and February at 7:30 pm (pre-concert lecture at 7:00 pm) and St. Gabriel's Church in March on Saturday at 7:30 pm (pre-concert lecture at 7:00 pm).

The January program will be a French concert featuring the music of Hector Berlioz, Albert Roussel, Claude Debussy, and Jean Francaix. Here listeners will enjoy the wide spectrum of sound offered by the Chamber Music Society — flute, oboe, cello, violin, viola, piano, and voice — in ravishing pieces adored for their lyricism and grace, their passion and power.

From Claude Debussy's justly admired *String Quartet in G minor*, a seminal work in the development of 20th century music, to Hector Berlioz's "Les Nuits d'ete" ("The Summer Nights"), his lovely settings of six of Theodore Gautier's most evocative poems, the SCCMS's program promises an in-depth look at one culture's contributions to the musical universe we cherish today.

Listeners will be able to discern that French love of classicism, the kind of order and harmony so evident in their drama, for example, and then see how it began to shade into impressionistic music that truly does tame the savage breast.

In February, the Chamber Music Society offers an international program with Russian-born Dmitri Shostakovich's *String Quartet in C major*, Englishman Gerald Finzi's lovely *Interlude for oboe and strings*, and Argentinean composer A. E. Ginastera's colorful *Impresiones de la Puna*.

While concertgoers are generally familiar with Shostakovich, the program will also give audiences the chance to hear Finzi's haunting quartet and the peculiarly native melodies of Ginastera, whose work, writes one music historian, combines "exhilarating rhythmic energy,



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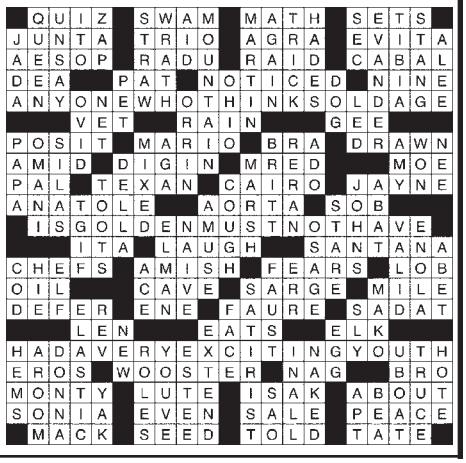
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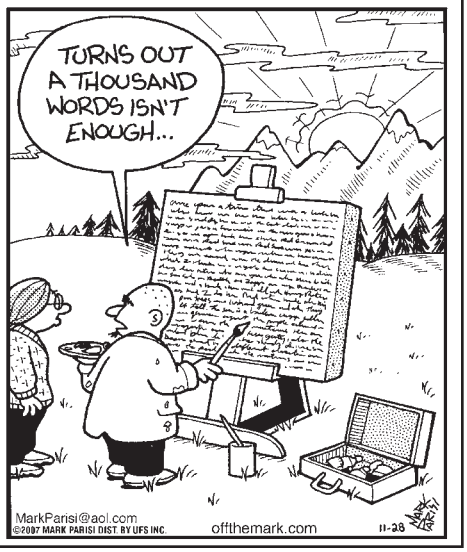
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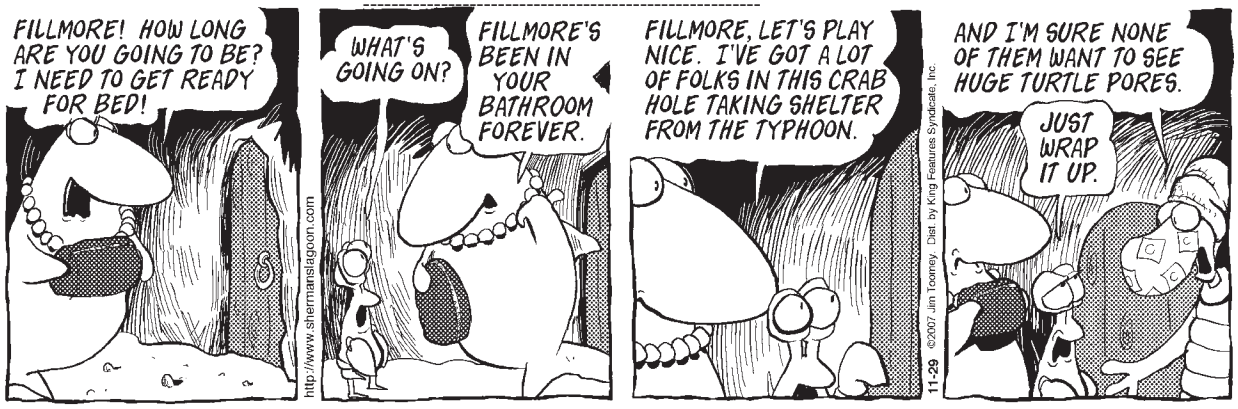
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



Real Estate Transactions

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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Sharpe, Carl M Hogan, Patricia A	Clark, Putnam D Clark, Lisa L	11 North Rd	Mattapoisett	11/15/2007	450000
Whittaker, Phillip D Whittaker, Jessica D	Brandolini, James D Brandolini, Carol A	281 Neck Rd	Rochester	11/15/2007	399900
Hernandez, Hubert J Hernandez, Rhonda J	Hanley, Dennis T Hanley, Rose M	31 Gerrish Rd	Rochester	11/15/2007	430000
HSBC Mortgage Svcs Inc	Zora, Edward A	782 Mill St	Marion	11/13/2007	54000

Admission is free.

The Marion Art Center is hosting several special events in the next few weeks. The first event is "Josephina's Holiday Tea Party" on Saturday, December 1 at 3:00 pm. This annual tradition features one of the American Girl characters in her historical setting. There will be High Tea, Entertainment and a hands-on Craft Activity to take home. Dressed up dolls or favorite stuffed animals are encouraged to be guests at the party. Reservations are required: Tickets are $15 for MAC members and students, $20 for non-members. Space is limited. Please call 508-748-1266 to reserve your table.

Carol Lebeaux will return to the Marion Art Center on Saturday, December 8 to create unique hand-cut silhouettes beginning at 10:00 in the morning. These heirloom portraits are available for all ages, even pets! The art of silhouette captures the essence of the person sitting for their profile portrait. Mats and frames will also be available. Please call the Art Center at 508-748-1266 to schedule an appointment. December 8 is also the day of the Annual Marion House Tour.

The Young People's Theater groups, directed by Annie Giddings, will present two plays in December. "Ebony Scrooge: A Modern Christmas Carol" will be performed on Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8 at 7:00 pm. The advanced theater class will perform "Beauty *is* a Beast" on Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 15 at 2:00 pm. Donations will be appreciated.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center, the location of the Mattapoisett Council on Aging is located at the Center School in Mattapoisett. Enter at the main entrance; parking is located across the street near the church carriage shed or in the school lot. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Please be reminded that with the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, as with all Councils on Aging, any and all are welcome to participate in activities or utilize services. The Mattapoisett Council on Aging works regularly with a vibrant group of individuals who are always willing to welcome a new face. Please call them at 508-758-4110 if you are interested in receiving our bi-monthly newsletter or, if you wish to learn more about our services.

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Local Tides

Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
November 29:	Thurs.	11:34	. . .	4:18	5:53
November 30:	Fri.	12:06	12:31	5:18	7:08
December 1:	Sat.	1:02	1:27	6:42	8:10
December 2:	Sun.	1:58	2:24	8:32	8:51
December 3:	Mon.	2:55	3:21	9:30	9:21
December 4:	Tues.	3:49	4:14	10:10	9:49
December 5:	Wed.	4:40	5:02	10:45	10:21
December 6:	Thurs.	5:26	5:44	11:19	10:57
December 7:	Fri.	6:08	6:24	11:57	11:36
December 8:	Sat.	6:44	7:01	. . .	12:36
December 9:	Sun.	7:20	7:37	12:16	1:17
December 10:	Mon.	7:56	8:15	12:56	1:58
December 11:	Tues.	8:34	8:56	1:36	2:38
December 12:	Wed.	9:14	9:40	2:16	3:16
December 13:	Thurs.	9:58	10:26	2:56	3:52
December 14:	Fri.	10:44	11:15	3:38	4:31
December 15:	Sat.	11:34	. . .	4:25	5:13
December 16:	Sun.	12:05	12:27	5:21	6:04

Phases of the Moon

Last Quarter	December 1st
New Moon	December 9th
First Quarter	December 17th
Full Moon	December 23rd

off the mark by Mark Parisi





I found the Aardvark!

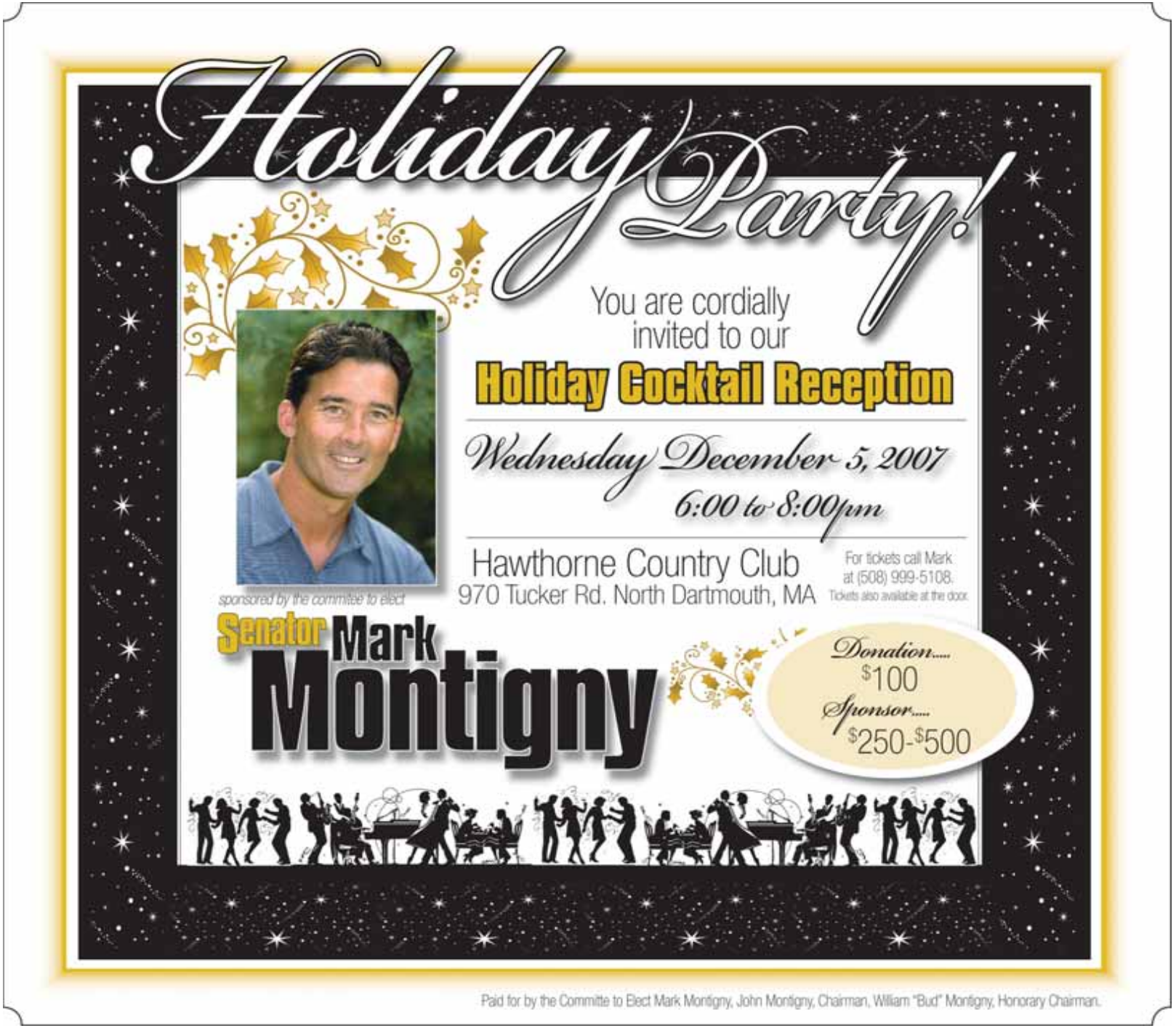
Each week we will give away an Aardvark Gift and each month we give away a special Aardvark Gift Basket to one lucky person. All you have to do to enter is find the Aardvark! The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

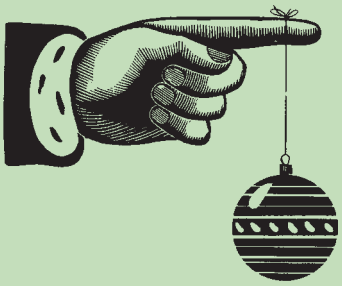
The winner will be selected from all the correct answers picked by the deadline and the prize will have to be picked up at our office. Only one entry per household per issue please.

To enter, simply find the aardvark in this issue, then go to our web page and select the link "I Found the Aardvark" entry page. If you would like to enter by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Aardvark, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Winner, past location and prizes listed on our website at: www.wanderer.com Click on "I Found the Aardvark"

In the November 22 issue the Aardvark was hiding on Page 2


Holiday Party!
You are cordially invited to our
Holiday Cocktail Reception
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